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From Our Correspondent

Talks between Russia and

America on a new strategic arms control agreement collapsed

promising terms, Mr Brezhnev

the Soviet party leader flatly rejected both proposals that Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, had made to him on

At the final session of the

three-day talks today, Mr Brezhnev did most of the talk-

ing. The Soviet Union, he said,

Moscow, March 30

Monday.

Collapse of Moscow talks brings US-Soviet relations to lowest point since détente began

consider either American plan.

The first was the so-called

would have assured substantial

a treaty accordingly.

main effort.

the low point in Soviet-Ameri-

can relations since the begin-

ning of détente. He admitted he

was disappointed with the nega-

tive outcome, but said that he and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet

the Middle East. Presumably the muestion of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt) would come up again then.

He claimed that progress had

been made in other areas and cited the agreement to set up

working groups. They would deal with such questions as a

In unequivocal and uncomForeign Minister, would be meeting again in May to discuss meeting again in May to discuss the meeting again.

had examined the proposals and comprehensive test ban, notifi-had found neither acceptable, cation of missile tests, civil de-

He offered no new proposals. fence, and demilitarization of Speaking to reporters after the Indian Ocean, ideological the final meeting. Mr Vance weapons and proliferation of tried to put a brave face on nuclear arms, among others.

Mr Healey sets low norm for phase three pay bargaining

Trade union leaders will be told by Mr Healey that the maximum average increase in rates of pay that can be tolerated in Phase Three of the pay restraint policy is about 4 to 5 per cent. Such a comparatively low limit on settlements is bound to

cause disappointment. Many union leaders have publicly stated that substantially higher amounts than the Chancellor will be indicating are necessary to compensate for the general drop in living standards that took place under the second phase

Terms bound to dismay unions

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The maximum average increase in rates of pay that the Chancellor, Mr Denis Healey, expects to be able to tolerate under Phase Three of the pay restraint policy, which begins this August, is around 4 to 5 per cent. But because all special cases and differential adjust. per cent. But because an special cases and differential adjustments will have to come out of this total increase, the general norm will need to be substantially below this figure.

The Chancellor will make it clear to trades union leaders when negotiations on Phase Three begin after Easter, that maximum average settlements above 4 or 5 per cent would be inconsistent with the inflation objectives set out in the Chancellor's Budget speech on Tues-day. This is to get inflation down to below 10 per cent be-tween the second quarters of Such an inflation target

would permit average earnings to rise by perhaps 8 or 9 per-cent. But this would have to include overtime, job upgrad-ing possibly productivity deals, and other forms of wage "slippage" which add to the national wage bill over and beyond negotiated wage settle-

Such a comparatively low limit on pay settlements for Phase Three seems certain to disappoint many trade union even if average earnings did leaders, who have publicly stated that they would be seek ing substantially higher standards would not show a amounts, particularly after the further fall. Indeed, a very

The Government faces almost certain defeat in the Commons

Budget debate. The Conserva-tives, Liberals and the national-

ists intend to join forces to

reject the two resolutions relat-

ing to the increased price of

petrol and the raising of the

If that happens the Chancel-

lor will have to drop from the

Finance Bill the clauses relating to those increases, which would have brought in £360m in a full

The threat to the Govern-

The tireat to the Government became clear last night after Mr Foot, and Mr Rees, on behalf of the Government, had mer Mr Alan Beith, the Liberal Chief Whip, Mr John Pardoe, the party's economic spokesmen, and Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC.

The meeting lected only 20

The meeting lasted only 20

measures.

Mr Pardoe has suggested that the Government could make up the loss of revenue by changing the level of value added tax. He proposes a standard rate of 10 per cent, which would mean raising the per cent rate and custing the

8 per cent rate and curring the 12.5 per cent rate. That, he

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from £40 a year to £50.

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Liberals set to defeat

Labour on petrol price

drop in general living standards marginal improvement is fore that will have taken place seen, under the second phase of pay

However, the Treasury's economic arithmetic leads in-exorably in the direction of a

The big difference between Phase Two and Phase Three, as now seen by the Treasury, is that there will be no boost to prices from external factors like a fall in the pound's ex-change rate or sharply rising commodity prices. This was what threw out the arithmetic in the present phase of pay

Although it remains the Government's intention adjust the pound's exchange rate to maintain the competi-tiveness of British exports, the forecast decline in inflation over the next year is assumed minize any further decline the pound over the coming

Moreover, the sharp rise that has taken place in the prices of commodities on world mar-kets is expected to slow down, while at home prices will contimue to be controlled quite tightly. For these reasons, even if average earnings did

But it is clear that any offer the Chancellor makes to trade union leaders will have to take account of several factors. One exorably in the direction of a is that overtime and "slippage" must inevitably account for the order of 8 or 9 per cent, the same as the increase in average earnings now expected under the current phase. ential adjustments that are thought desirable, the less the amount of money there will be amount or money there was de available for employees who do not benefic from such payments. Presenting his pay deal in this form will put the onus of dividing up the total available money onto the shoulders of the

TUC.

Undowbredly, this will not be welcomed by those trade unionists who had hoped to recover during Phase Three the ground lost in the present phase. At least one post-Budget independent forecast is suggesting that pay will rise by around 15 per cent in the 1977-78 pay round, with about a third of this stemming from "skippage".

The Chancelior has however, provided a cushion with his tax measures, which as he said in

measures, which as he said in his Budget, should be viewed as equal to a pay increase of 44 er cent. Indeed, when allowance is

made for the price increases and tax stoppages that follow a conventional wage increase, his an extra on wages from

Steel-union chief seeks phase three The Conservatives had already decided to oppose the same Budget resolutions, partly

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

on the ground that 5 p on a gallon of petrol will have serious consequences for people who live in rural areas. Because workers' leader, appealed to they are worked on the same score, the Scottish and Welsk pasterday to reach an agreemationalists and the Ulster ment on flexible pay bargain-Unionists are almost certain to join with the other opposition Tory attack: With only the unhappy motorist to champion, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, put on as miserable a face as possible and on the whole gave a commendable performance in launching the traditional opposition attack on the second day of the Budget debate in the Commons yesterday (Hugh Noyes writes).

Motorists apart, however, it
was clear that Sir Geoffrey did not find the Budget too distaste-ful. He welcomed the manner in which the Chancellor had been reeducated over the years but observed that Mr Healey

The meeting lasted only auminuses but it was obvious afterwards that the Government was desperately worried about the prospect of losing two of the most important sections of the Budget had still only begun to repair the damage he had done since going to the Treasury. Sir Geoffrey, described the Chancellor as, at heart, a big-spending, incontinent recidivist, and said there were now two restraints on him: the Liberal Party and the EMF.

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flexibility

Mr William Sirs, the steelworkers' leader, appealed to the Government and the TUC ment on flexible pay bargain-ing after the British Steel Corporation decided to shut its giant Port Talbot plant employ-ing 13,000 workers because of an unofficial strike by electricians over wage differentials.

Mr Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and chairman of the TUC steel industry committee, made his plea in a let-ter to Mr Callaghan, Mr Hea-ley, the Chancellor, and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, as the revok by skilled workers over continu-ing pay restraint shifted to the steel industry. "If our in-dustry goes down, the Govern-ment goes down," he said. ment goes down he said.

British Steel yesterday announced the progressive closure of Port Talbot works, which has just been given government approval for an £835m expansion programme, because of the strike by electricians downsuling an extra tricians demanding an extra £10 a week. The stoppage is being led by Mr Wyn Bevan, a former unsuccessful left-wing

certainly the case that West Indians and other amnigrants The Government must act indians and other ammigrants are under-achieving at actinois alienation of young West and there is little training of teachers in motheracial class-relations deteriorate further and create irreconcilable division, a report published yester. Lettamy the class individual vester and other ammigrants are under-achieving at actinois and there is little training of teachers in motheracial class-room teaching. The National Association for Multi-Racial Education said the inquiry was to be welcomed if relations deteriorate further and create irreconcilable division, a report published yesterday says. The Select Committee on Race it examined school practices

Immediate action on

race relations urged

The committee suggests that

the Government's legislative

framework to help West Indians and other ethnic groups

should be supplemented by a comprehensive strategy for dealing with disadvantage.

West Indian and educational groups yesterday welcomed the committee's main recommenda-

tion that the Government should set up a high-level,

independent inquiry into the poor school standards of black

lem of under-achievement to be

this for years."
The National Union

Relations and Immigration, in a report on the West Indian community, says young blacks present a critical challenge. In Mr David Lane, chairmandesignate of the new Commis-sion for Racial Equality, said the select committee had made them, the West Indian comthem, the West Indian com-munity is at its point of greatest structive suggestions. "The tension and strain. commission will be auxious to

The Scotch House island site (centre) is part of a £40m Brompton Road,

play its part in the combined operation to help the West Indian community which should result from the report."

The report says the main dif-ficulties for West Indians are discrimination, under-achieve-ment at school, the feeling of alienation among young blacks, the failure to recruit West Indians for the public service and the paucity of special facili-ties for West Indian communi-The committee's examination

children. The committee found West Indians to be bitter and disturbed about the underachievement of their children and about the high proportion who were in schools for the educationally admired of deteriorating relations be-tween the police and West Indians led it to the conclusion that there was no evidence available to justify firm con-clusions about the relative ineducationally subnormal.

Mr William Trant, general secretary of the West Indian Standing Conference, said:

"Undoubtedly there is a problem of sudney chierement to be volvement of West Indians in crime. The police should make every effort to promote better understanding and the West Indians themselves should be more constructive in their attitude to the police, the report

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sed cost of motoring brings boom

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London, estate up for auction. Report, page 19. Jailed MP warned of bankruptcy

for life John Stonehouse, the jailed former MP, facing questions into his financial affairs, clashed with officials at London Bankruptcy Court yesterday, and was warned that he ran the risk of being "bankrupt for life".

The warning came during estioning of Mr Stonehouse by Mr James Tye, the official receiver. At one point, Mr Tye pressed Mr Stonehouse about a suggestion that he was insolvent while still carrying on business.

Mr Stonehouse denied the suggestion, and shouted: "I had a breakdown, Mr Tye. Can't you get that into your head?"

Later, after Mr Stonehouse had told Mr Tye not to interrupt him while he was answering a question about his change of identity in 1974, Mr Registrar Parbury said he was losing his patience with Mr Stonehouse

The registrar said: "I am having to listen to evasive answers, and Mr Stonehouse interrupted to say: "Not at

The registrar told him to listen, and continued: "I am listening to irrelevant answers, meaningless answers, points you are trying to score off the official receiver. Unless you answer the questions properly and truthfully from now onwards I propose to adjourn this examination sine die.

"The result will be that you will not be able to obtain a discharge for the rest of your life. You are serving a prison sentence [seven years for offences under the Theft Act] and that [the question of a discharge] may not mean much to you at the moment, but as time goes on you will find the position more and more uncomfortable and it will be more and more difficult to rehabilitate your

Mrs Sheika Buckley, Mr Stonehouse's former secretary, watched the proceedings yes terday. Mr. Stonehouse's statement

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Increased cost of motoring brings boom Mr Stonenouse's statement of affairs showed total debts of £816,006. He expects only £258,241 of the total to be claimed against him. He values his assets at £137,185, including £115,000 in Switzerland, which, he says, is subject to arrest proceedings there.

During the hearing Mr During the hearing Mr Stonehouse said he was inno-cent and had been wrongly convicted. He denied "cooking the books" to save his banking venture, which had started as British Bangladesh Trust Ltd

> Capital Group. His actions, based on foolish idealism, could be construed as high-minded and aimed at helping a company in a difficult period, he said.
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> The registrar adjourned the hearing until October 26.

and later became the London

Briton jailed

Rome, March 30.—Richard Horsham, a 31-year-old Briton, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined lm lire (£600) here for trying to bring drugs into Italy.

Russia rejects American plan for limiting nuclear arms This, however, was meagre progress towards true arms con- cans requested a list of consolation for failure of the It consisted of four elements.

These provided for a substan-The chief stumbling block tial reduction in the overall aggregate of strategic delivery vehicles; reduction of modern large ballistic missile launwas the flat Soviet refusal to deferral proposal, which would chers; reduction in MIRV have reaffirmed the agreements launcher aggregates : and a kmir reached at Vladivostok and deferred the issue of the Cruise missile and Soviet backfire on launchers of ICBM missiles equipped with MIRVs. bomber for further negotiations while resolving all the other

Also included were a ban on flight tests of existing ICBMs; a ban on development and testing of new ICBMs and mobile ICBM launchers; and Vladivostok issues, and signing The alternative proposal which the Russians also turned finally a ban on deployment and testing of all Cruise mis-siles whether nuclear or conwhich the Russians also turned down was the comprehensive agreement, which the Ameri-cans would have preferred. According to Mr Vance, this ventionally armed, with ranges that were not intercontinental.

measures that would prevent the Soviet Backfire bomber from being used as a strategic

At the close of today's discussion, the entire issue of strategic arms limitation seemed to be right back at Square One, where it was left just more than a year ago when Dr Henry Kissinger, then the Secretary of State, arrived at the same blank wall.

While the issue of human rights, as raised by President Carter, did not figure in the discussions after Mr Brezhnev's opening tirade on Monday, it certainly contributed to a hardening of the Soviet position in the opinions of most ob-In return for this, the Ameri- servers.

Car investment freeze by British Leyland

Mr Alex Park, chief executive of British Leyland, and Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of his struggling Leyland Cars subsidiary, remain committed to the new £200m Mini project, but neither has threatened to resign if it is cancelled during the reappraisal of the state-controlled group's car operations.

month-long toolmakers' strike that yesterday British Leyland announced that it had frozen all capital expenditure on car projects. It emphasized however, that that did not apply to the by a least a year. group's remaining subsidiaries -Truck and Bus and Special Products—which are profitable operations.

The freeze is expected to last for the next three months, during which it is hoped to complete both the reappraisal and consideration of its outcome by the National Enterprise Board and the Department of

Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, is having second thoughts about the Mini project. Leyland executives insisted last night that it will be a viable profit-earner at least comparable to the much-lauded Ford Fiesta and Volkswagen Polo.

ADO 88, as the project is designated internally, was never intended to be a low-profit-earner or loss-leader. It was costed to earn higher profits than a planned replacement for one of Leyland's more expensive medium saloons.

Engineering work on ADO 88 is almost finished and pilot production will start when a new £40m factory is built and equipped at Longbridge. Many thousands of man-hours and millions of pounds have been invested.

Supporters of the new Mini have made great play with its intended role as an import-stopper, but little has been said of irs contribution as an export-earner. The present Mini, introduced 18 years ago, is the backbone of Leyland's sales in Europe, accounting for 65 per cent of its business there.

ent of its business there. the experience or seniority

An alternative strategy being necessary to carry out the task.

considered is the postponement of the new Mini and a thorough revision of the existing model. Sir Alec Issigonis, the man who initiated a new generation of small cars when he designed the Mini, insists that it still has enormous potential. He believes it can be further improved and its unique appeal

extended for several years. Supporters of an improved Mini insist that it should be accompanied by a transfer in So pressing are the cash-flow investment priority from ADO difficulties in the wake of the 88 to LC10, the planned replacement for the whole of Levland's medium saloon range. including the Marina, Maxi Dolomite and Allegro. They would like to see the 1981 launch dare for LC10 advanced

The advantages of such a policy would be great. As well as reducing design work on bodies, engines and gearboxes it would permit enormous cost savings by concentrating at Cowley production work that is at present spread over at least three other factories. It would also give Leyland a new contender in the less vulnerable and more profitable mediumcar sector. But there are obstacles not least the attitude Despite reports that Mr of workers at Triumph, Coven-Variey. Secretary of State for try, where it is planned to stop car assembly and concentrate engine and gearbox production.

> Equally daunting is the fact that engineering work on LC10 is far from complete. present shortage of engineers at Leyland and the absence of the planned group engineering centre would make speeding of the work almost impossible.

> Meanwhile there is specula-tion within Leyland about Mr George Turnbull's intentions. The former managing director has completed his three-year contract with the Hydundai Car Company of South Korea, and recently held talks with Sir Peter Carey, Permanent Secrey at the Department Industry.

> It is thought unlikely that Mr Turnbull is being considered as a replacement for either Mr Park or Mr Whittaker bur there is a body of opinion in favour of his joining the National Enterprise Board to provide liaison with Leyland.

> The NEB officials at present responsible for monitoring Ley-land's progress are not regarded within the company as having

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Overdrafts to cost less as banks cut rate

Leading banks have cut their base lending rates by a full point to 91 per cent.
As a result, overdraft costs will mostly As a result, overdraft costs will mostly drop to a 12½ to 14½ per cent range. Bank deposit rates are reduced 1½ per cent to 5 per cent, which intensifies pressure on the building societies to reduce the present 12½ per cent morth gage level when they meet next month Page 19

Roman gold

Preparations for handling crowds of Tutanichamou dimensions are well in hand for the opening of the British Museum's exhibition of Roman gold and silver. It has cost £100,000 to stage and is expected to attract at least 750,000 visitors Page 3

Tea price inquiry

The recent sharp increases in world tea prices are to be investigated by the Price Commission. Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices, has asked for "an authoritative check that consumers are not being exploited"

PC under fire

A Loudon policeman, elthough under fire, sent on his radio details of four men and their car after an £11,000 raid on a bank in north Acton, London Page 2

M Barre's stronger hold in France

President Giscard d'Estaing yesterday installed a new French Government under M Raymond Barre which contained few surprises. However, the dropping of three senior ministers in the outgoing Government — M
Poniatowski, M Lecanust and M
Guichard—was expected to strengthen
the Prime Minister's position and make
for unity in the Government Majority before next year's general election Page 4

Undefended divorce

The new simplified procedure for undefended divorce cases comes into effect tomorrow. Aithough legal aid will not usually be available to the petitioner in future, the Law Society says that people will still be able to get free legal advice : Page 2

Stechford grouse

The Liberal candidate in today's Stechford by election, complained of the way it had been "cocked up". Mr. Graham Gopali, who openly opposed last week's Labour Liberal concordar, said he resented the things that had happened to disrupt the rhythur of his campaign

Podgorny tour

President Podgorny of the Soviet Union who is in Maputo, Mozambique, on the last leg of his African tour, was welcomed to "the combat trench" of Africa by President Machel It is the closest the Soviet leader has come to South Africa Page 5

Nuclear hopes blow Brussels talks between EEC research

candidate in elections for the Continued on page 2, col 3 Continued on page 2, col 3

ministers, simed at agreeing on a site for the £70m thermonuclear fusion experimental project Torus, have produced no decision. Britain steered discussions away from a vote when it became clear that its hopes of being chosen were becoming drastically reduced Page 4

Bhutto team named

While rioting goes on in Karachi, Mr Bhutto has named 21 members of his new Government and has selected his Attorney General. More ministers have been given full Cabinet rank, though Mr Bhutto has dropped five members of his old team Page 5 Care of handicapped: Closure of most

mental hospitals within fifteen years is recommended by Mind, the National Association for Mental Health Ince case: The Director of Public Prosecutions has said he can find no evidence on which to bring criminal proceedings against certain police officers involved in the case of George

Middle East: President Sadat of Egypt today sets out on a visit to Bonn, Paris and Washington for ralks on peace prospects Spain and the Community: Four-page Special Report on the effects of the country joining the EEC.

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New divorce procedure starting today will be 'less of an embarrassment' for the litigant

undefended divorce cases comes into effect tomorrow. Although legal aid will not usually be available to the petitioner in future the Law Society was at pains yesterday to assure people that they would still be entitled to free

legal advice.
In undefended cases evidence of the breakdown of a marriage will be given by affidavit and the parties will not have to attend court. The registrar in chambers will con-sider the affidavir and make his recommendation to the judge. The granting of the decree will still be a matter for the judge, who will pronounce the decree in court. Again, the parties will not need to attend. Mr Peter Archer, QC, the Solicitor General, said yester-day that as there would be no legal representation under the new procedure the question of legal aid did not arise. The provide a great saving on the legal aid fund.

Both he and Mr David dwards, the secretary of Legal Aid, who gave a separate press conference at the Law Society's headquarters, were emphatic that the less well off, such as those on social security benefit, would still qualify for legal advice and assistance (before the filing of the petition under the new arrangements) from a solicitor under the existing "green form

Edwards continued: "Although legal aid will not eligible for aid under the aid system and to increase the be available to get a divorce green form scheme a fee of number of law centres.

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, took it as a good onen for his Budger that only about forty Labour MPs, about one in eight, felt deeply

enough to attend yesterday's special meeting of the Parlia-mentary Labour Party at the House of Commons. If he had

mmisjudged the occasion in

party terms the Grand Commit-

crowded to the doors.

parliamentary party

reasonably content.

room would have been

He had his critics but as Mr

Michael English, MP for Nou-ingham, West, put it: "The PLP is a shareholders' meet-

ing, and if there were great criticism all 310 shareholders

would be here." The small attendance indicated that the

By David Wood

Political Editor

home, and similar matters." Legal Aid would also be available for getting an emer-

gency injunction to stop a spouse from molesting the other, or to bar one of them from the matrimonial home. Those were all areas covered by Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, when he announced last June that the special procedure in divorce, whereby a petition is lodged with the court and no appearance of any of the parties is necessary, would be extended to all cases of unde-

fended divorce, whether the children of the marriage are

under 16 years of age or not. The green form scheme will cover the much needed preliminary advice sessions with a arrangements were "less techgrounds for a divorce or a
nical, less embarrassing and judicial separation, on
less frightening" for the litigant and would additionally
of the children (if any) and on maintenance matters. A solic-itor will also be able to prepare the necessary forms and documents before filing. If it is discovered that the proceed-

ings are to be contested, full legal aid will be available. The new limit for work that can be done in a divorce case without prior authority under the green form scheme is to be £45. It was formerly £25. Mr Archer said that if preliminary advice costs exceeded £45 special authority would need to be obtained

For all litigants who are not make adjustments to the legal

tion. The increased road fund tax for cars and the higher tax

on ciearettes had been much

Replying, Mr Healey insisted that he had not tried to devise

ford's by-election had not been in his mind. "It would not have been right", he said,

for it to have been an elec-

tion Budget. In fact, the broad shape of the Budget had been

decided well before the date of

In one of his bursts of can

dour, Mr Healey told the MPs

that he did not delude himself

that he had produced a parti-

cularly popular Buget, but he

hoped that with the passage of time it would be apreciated.

He noted, with relief, the

criticized, he reported.

the by-election."

Was

That had to be set against time it would be apreci-the declaration of Mr Eric He noted, with relief, Heffer, the Tribune Group MP broad support of the press.

saw it, the rest for the Budget inflation is about right". was electoral, and that gave On phase three of

from Liverpool, Walton, that It had been necessary, he no other government could said, to err on the side of have handed out so much in caution for economic reasons.

Poor turnout by MPs pleases Mr Healey

decree it will still be available in all the important areas petition is lodged with the where there are likely to be county court. In London one disputes, including custody of case out of every seven is children, maintenance, who handled privately by the petitionary of the should have the matrimonial tioner on payment of the £16. tioner on payment of the £16. It is expected that many more people will choose to petition

The divorce in this way.

The divorce netition form and notes for guidance are available free from county courts.

Mr Archer said he believed that county court staff would help people who wish to fill out the forms themselves, although more second. although most people "would be wiser to take legal advice".

Also free from county courts and citizens' advice bureaux is a guide for the petitioner act-ing without a solicitor, entitled Undefended Divorce. The booklet is informative and applies to legal separation as well as

The Lord Chancellor has raised the upper disposable in-come limit for advice to £42, thus extending the coverage of the green form scheme. From tomorrow, anyone receiving supplementary benefit or family income supplement and whose disposable capital is not more than £300 at the time of application will be eligible for help under a green form with-out any contribution at all.

If a prospective litigant has not more than £20 disposable income he is eligible for free advice under the green form scheme. If he has between £20 and £42 disposable income a contribution of between £4 and £33 will be charged on Disliding scale linked to his income.

Mr Archer said that with the savings to the legal aid fund the Lord Chargeller wanted to the Lord Chancellor wanted to

importance to the testimony of Mr Arthur Blenkinsop (South Shields), back from the front line in the Stechford by elec-

possible, because he had done "all that was reasonable and practical as a contribution

towards a further settlement ".

It was necessary to be cau-tious fiscally because there was

no certainty that the Govern-ment would achieve the type of agreement it wanted with

the unions. Similarly although the United Kingdom would

probably be in surplus towards the end of this year, "on the fiscal side, figures have been

swinging about madly and it would be impossible to act on

them with certainty". He refused to make abstract

assessments about the balance

had not raised tax thresholds

enough, Mr Healey said that he would have liked to do more for the skilled and semi-

skilled worker but had been

Meeting the criticism that he

Policeman's radio warning as raiders fire

Stephen Bradwell, a London policeman, was shot at by four men yesterday as he tried single-handed to foil a bank raid in north Acton, London. Although under fire he continued to send details of the raiders and their car by radio.
PC Bradwell, who is 20, escaped a hail of fire by taking In the 40 years since the

cover behind his patrol car Three of the men, armed with revolvers, broke into the bank at Gipsy Corner 10 minutes before it opened, threatened staff at gunpoint and took

Scotland Yard said a passerby noticed what was going on and flagged down PC Bradwell's panda car. A man sitting in a Rover 2000 outside the bank pointed a shotgun at PC Brad-well and opened fire as the constable dodged behind his

car windscreen

The

smashed and the sides were riddled by the shotgun blast The three other raiders opened fire on the policeman as they escaped from a bank window PC Bradwell, a policeman for only two years, said he approached the Rover and "when I realized the man was getting out of the car I ducked down and ran 15ft to hide be-hind the back of my panda. There must have been about a dozen blasts fired in my direction and I just kept my head down."

Seventh fire victim The number of victims of the

fire last Sunday at the Crypt Restaurant, in Dover, rose to seven yesterday with the death in hospital of Mrs Phyllis Con-lon, of Acton, west London.

tical and "we must bear in mind that electorally and poli

tically we are less popular (that is, the Labour Govern

ment and Labour Party) with the housewife than her hus

Answering further points about workers' differentials, the Chancellor held that the

structural change necessary could not really be achieved by

tax changes that enlarged or compressed differentials, but only by a pay policy that created a more equitable stra-

On prices, Mr Healey com-mented that "the key is the exchange rate". He added:

"The improvement of the exchange rate since my

December measures has been

and £3,000m in subsidies."

equivalent to between £2.000m

Looking at his Budget propo-

Industry that takes great care is fighting for survival.

Asbestos workers bewildered by anxiety over health risks

Publicity over the health risks associated with exposure to asbestos dust bewilders the hundred workpeople of Construction Materials an asbestos cement fac-at Rhws, South Glamor-

factory was built five thousand people have been employed there. But only two deaths from asbestos-related disease have been detected, in both cases after many years of expo-sure. There have been no cases of asbestosis, the crippling lung condition; and according to Dr Peter Jones, the works doctor for 25 years, regular chest X-ray examinations have failed to disclose even early signs of the condition in any of the employees.
Dr Jones is also a local gene-

ral practitioner and has seen no evidence in any former

employees of the plant of illness that he would attribute to The Asbestos Information Committee, the industry's trade body, took a small party of

terday and to the Trist Draner brake and clutch linings factory at Bristol, which has a simi-larly trouble-free record, as part of the continuous effort the committee is making to views of asbestos hazards.

huge reduction on the max-imum permissible levels of dust in the workplace, the in-dustry is, in effect, fighting for It says the cost of the TUC's proposals would prohibit fur-

ther production. Mr Wilfred Penney, a direcfor of TAC, who is chairman of the asbestos and bealth

the industry did not suffi-ciently appreciate the risks. Exposure was still fairly high in some occupations and early deaths arising from those dusty conditions are going to be experienced for many years to come.

The industry argues that such care is taken nowadays to keep the dust to a minimum in controlled factory conditions as to reduce the risks to health to negligible proportions. It is resentful that in these circumstances anxiety over aspesto almost amounting to panic " should have arisen.

None of the men or women ith whom I spoke at the two factories seemed to fear for conditions to which they are exposed, although some scientists argue that with a cancercausing substance, such as asbestos, no level of exposure working group of the Asbestos asbestos, no level of ex-Cement Manufacturers Associa can be considered safe.

weary weary Liberal is resentful From Arthur Osman

After an adept, stylish and After an adept, stylish and attractive campaign, Mr Graham. Gonsill, the Liberal candidate in today's by-election at Birmingham, Srechford, was showing signs of weariness yesterday. He agreed that he felt resentful about some of the things that had become of the things that had happened to disrupt the

Stechford's

very messy campaign, and I think one can use the expression that the entire thing has been 'cocked up' from begin

ming to end.

We were very nicely set, but all this sort of business means . . . the voters are so damued confused at the moment damped confused at the moment people are still undecided only hours from the poll, and I have never known it before. Earlier in the campaign he had said he did not favour the Liberal-Labour arrangement, but then had to change the direction of his campaign, saying with admirable candour about the situation? Let's face it, I have to be happy about it. His first election address did

not go out, and his workers had to deliver a shortened version thstead of canvassing.
Mr Dennis Minnis, the Liberal agent, said later: "He really meant to use the word 'elec-tion' instead of 'campaign' when saying it was messy From an organization point of

From an organization point of view the campaign has gone very well indeed.

"What we lacked in the early days was people to help. During the past few days we have had several hundreds but at the stage it was a bif too late. That is what has upset him."

Mean while, the Labour came showed jubilation at the warmth of a handwritten even pail message from Mr Callaghan to the candidate, Mr Terence Davis. It read:

know your worth. I look forward to your returning to Westminster

Mr Davis has fought a moder can ate, sometimes low-key can paign, with a mature approach. c = He maintained resterday that re-Tuesday's Budger had been a. responsible move in the right

groundwork and the bonus of a Budget that held little apparent voting appeal for Labour supporters. He said canvas returns showed a substantial swing to him of Labour voters.

Candidates: T. Davis (Lab); A. MacKay (C): G. A. Gopsil (L); A. Brons (Nat. Front); P. Foor (Soc. Worker); E. Heron (Int. Marxist).

Marxist).
General election: R. H. Jenkins (Lab), 23,075; D. J. Wedgwood (C), 11,152; G. A. Gopsili (L), 5,860; Labour majority, 11,923.

Body found in Belfast

Divers 'died after helium error

Two North Sea oilrig divers died after an injection of helium had caused the decompression chamber of their diving bell to overheat, an inquiry at Aberdeen was told yester-

of Blandford Road, Poole, and Mr Roger Baldwin, aged 24, of Court Close, Bridport, both Dorset, died in September, 1975, from heat stroke after using the from heat stroke after using the diving bell from the rig Waage Two, 200 miles off Orkney.

Mr Keith Beck, manager of the diving technical support group of Oceaneering International Services, said they were part of a team of six.

The superpicer was Mr Reid. The supervisor was Mr Reid Kennedy Arnold, who had left the firm in 1976.

A letter asking him to appear as a witness had been for-warded to his last known address in Canada, but a letter had been received last Friday which said he would not be

Questioned by Mr Ian Kirkwood, QC, for the relatives of the dead men. Mr Beck agreed that Mr Arnold had played an important part in the circumstances that led to the deaths. Confirming a sequence of events noted in the supervisor's log, leading to a distress call from the rig, he said that in the diving complex there were three chambers: the bell, the entrance lock and main lock. The bell had not been removed. because of what was thought

to be a dangerous leak. If the supervisor saw the pressure fall he must counter-act it as quickly as possible, and would be injected into the decompression chamber. That would recom-press the men.

The inquiry continues today.

Proposal to cut deliveries of mail to one a day

ter deliveries should be cut to one a day was one of several options put to the Carter Committee investigating the corperation's organization and structure. It was made with other suggestions on the functioning of the Post Office. Since then more up-to-date evi-dence had been forwarded to the investigating team. There was no indication yes

E30m a year, might cost 10,000

ciple if it was worth while as far as the public is concerned.", he said. But he thought the plan would lead to a worse ser-

'Lib-Lab' liaison group holds first meeting

By David Leigh Political Staff The Liberals tasted the first fruits of their new arrangement with the Government last night when the "consultative com-mittee" of the two parties met for the first time, in Mr Michael Foot's room at the House of

The Government team for these meetings, the first of which was only to ratify the arrangements, consists of Mr Foot, Leader of the House. Mr Michael Cocks, Government Chief Whip, and Mr Rees, Home Secretary.

Mr Rees will take the chair when Mr Foot is absent. He has deputized in the past when

Mr Foot was ill and perhaps more significantly, stands close to the Prime Minister. Although Mr Rees is respon-sible for direct elections to the

European Parliament, are a crucial part of the Liberal accommodation, they were not on last night's agenda. The Home Secretary's White Paper on the subject will be

published tomorrow and will set out options for conduct of the elections. The favoured solution, against a background of Labour hostility to lengthy boundary redrawing and hostility in much of the party to the whole idea, is for proportional representa-tion by single transferable vote, using a party-list system. The Liberals have extracted a

commitment to bring in a Bill, and to have a free vote on the method of election. As part of the accommodation Mr Steel has been given a sight of the White. Paner. The White Paper has not

The White Paper nas not changed because of the deal many hoped it would lead to a with the Liberals: like the more permanent arrangement.

"The remainder, which in-The Liberals' haison team consists of Mr Beith, the chief whip, Mr Pardoe, the economics spokesman, and Mr Hooson, who has charge of defence and law. Other ministers and other Liberals will attend the bilateral meetings depending on the issues. Downing Street expects

two or three weeks. The second main constitutional matter on which the Liberals exacted terms was devolution. They want the Bill brought back, with Wales detached and Scotland given income iax and oil revenues.

Before last night's meeting Mr Foot had what was described

the committee to meet every

as a "long and thorough" meeting with the hierarchies-of the Labour Party in Wales and Scotland, who travelled from Edinburgh and Cardiff to seek reassurance about what was

going on Willan and Mr Morris, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales respectively, and with Mr John Smith, the minister hitherto responsible for the detailed work on the devolution Bill, both party executives later issued a state-

They said: "All were agreed that devolution to Scotland and Wales is an absolute commitment both for the Labour Party and the Government. The Government reaffirmed its clear intention to proceed with im-plementing devolution as soon as possible.

The Government agreed to

keep in close touch and to continue in regular consultation with both the Scottish and Welsh councils as their con-sideration of further progress proceeded."

With the semi-coalition and the fluid state of devolution, an air of backstairs secrecy is pervading the operations of the Government. The meetings with the Liberals are to be in secret. and the progress report on the Scottish and Welsh Labour talks was less than comprehensive. Meanwhile, Mr. Norman Atkinson, the left-wing party treasurer, explained to his local

party in Haringey and to Tor-tenham why the left swallowed the "Lib-Lab" arrangement. Labour MPs were shy of talk. ing about the deal, he said. He suspected that that was because

cludes myself, wished to avoid going to the country prema-turely. That is not to say I and others feared that Labour would lose the election, but because we feared that the content of the manifesto on which we would have fought would have been far less socialist than

even the current programme."

The greatest threat facing Labour, he said, was "the apparent ease with which our own parliamentary leadership wilts beneath the ever-mounting pressure coming from multi-national bankers and world leaders who favour social democrat coalition type governments."

Weather forecast and recordings

His first election address did

Davis. It read:
My dear Terry.
I want to congratulate you personally on your houest approach to the Stechford by-election. You have fought for Stechford in true Midlands style. You have been straight. You have not ducked the problems. You have worked hard. You have been dependable. These are the qualities that are respected and admired in the Midlands.
Those of us who were your colleagues in the House of Commons know your worth. I look forward

at the top of the poll, to represent the people of Suchford with your own brand of cotumon sense and understanding of the people's peeds. Best wishes and thanks. Yours sincerely, Jim Callaghan.

directions:

Mr. Andrew MacKay, the Conservative candidate, was being modestly optimistic, if those words adequately fit a man of 27 confident of victory after many months, of paints a figure of the popular of the po

The body of Mr Francis Cassidy, aged 43, was found in west Belfast yesterday. He had been shot in the head and his throat had been cut.

for rate arrears The council at Chesterfield.

Derbyshire, where rate arrears have risen from £22,000 to £532,000 in three years, has been criticized by the district auditor. The council blamed difficulties encountered during difficulties encountered during the introduction of a computer 10 miles of the former line, which runs through new Alrestopes to reduce them to an acceptable level once the computer interest acceptable level once the computer interest in acceptable level once the computer interest in acceptable level once the computer interest in acceptable in the computer interest interest in acceptable in the computer interest years and subject that the enthusiasts have bought that the enthusiasts have been that the enthusiasts have bought that the enthusiasts have been that the enthusiast have been that the enthusiasts have been that the enthus have been that the enthus ha puter is operating normally.

Hospital infection

Operating theatres at Leighton Hospital, near Crewe, were closed yesterday by an infection. Emergency operation cases are being transferred to north Staffordshire, Macclesfield and Chester.

Council attacked | Plan to reopen railway line

Railway enthusiasts hope to reopen part of the picturesque "watercress line" in Hampshire with a public tourist service by mid-May. It was announced yesterday

operate steam trains on it.

Two on hunger strike Two hunger strikers protest-

ing at conditions in Portlaoise prison, in Republic of Ireland, have been moved to the hospital wing of the Curragh military detention centre, in co Kildare. One is Thomas Keenan, aged 19, of co Armagh,



"He will through life be master of himself and a happy man who from day to day can have said. "I have lived; tomorrow the Father may full the sky with black clouds or with cloudless sunshine."

Horace

He will also own a Burberry.



will meet tomorrow

and the state of the promise of the profile in this morning is proof that the help on differentials.

As rank-and-file Labour MPs stance of the Budget towards aw it, the test for the Budget inflation is about right".

VAT by arguing that his proponot popular. It takes the gift rate of the gingerbread."

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Electronic, Telecommuni-cations and Plumbing Union. Mr Sirs said last night: "I have written to the TUC and the Government telling them there must be flexibility in

pay restraint. But he said the electricians were wrong to take unofficial action after being told by their leaders to go back to work and put their demands through normal nego-

workers for skills, restore differentials and allow for the introduction of productivity bargaining. Without such a relaxation, he added, "I shall be in difficulty restraining the steel workers".

If the contract of a man appeared before magistrates at Swindon, Wilt shire, yesterday accused of a drug offence, the twenty-third person to appear at the court on drug charges after police raids.

If the strike continued it would deprive the motor, was remained in custody until domestic appliance and construction industries of sheet spiring to contravene the steel, and the Trostre and Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971. would deprive the motor, domestic appliance and con-struction industries of sheet

Port Talbot strikers

restricted by the resources at sals as a whole, the Chancellor his disposed. More on thresh argued that would have been

wage bargaining if the social contract is to survive."

The ISTC leader disclosed that he had received many letters from his members voicing growing dissatisfaction with

In the wake of the Budget there is widespread opposition from union leaders who do not like the "straight exchange" of more wage restraint for a lower standard rate of income tax. The ISTC, a traditionally non-militant union, is prepared to accept a phase three of the social contract, but Mr Sirs said that any new agreement

Velindre timplate works near by would quickly halt also. Mr Bevan, the strikers' leader, accused the BSC management of being "chil-dish" in deciding to run down

the Port Talbot works so that only safety men will be on duty by Sunday. He said the management must accept the blame "because they are not prepared to negotiate The striking electricians are to meet again tomorrow afternoon, but there will not be a vote on whether to continue the industrial action. Mr Bevan

said : "There will be no you ing on whether we go back to work until we have some offer to put to the men." Informal talks on a possible way out of the strike dilemma are expected to take place today. The TUC steel industry committee may try to get the men back by pointing out to them the wider impact of their

Man remanded on drug charge

The man, from west London,

By Business News Staff

The Post Office said yester day that a suggestion that let-

terday of how much emphasis the corporation has put on this particular nem in its evidence, and corporation officials were reluctant to comment on re-ports that the single-delivery system, while saving more than

Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, condemned the idea: "This is all part of the usual Post Office policy of giving less and less service to the community at a higher and higher price. The UPW is very much opposed to that situa-

Such a move might cost be-tween 7,000 and 8,000 jobs Mr Jackson estimated. "We are not opposed to that in prin-

Psychopaths 'made weapons in workshop'

Two dangerous psychopaths made and hid a store of weapous in a workshop at Scot-land's top-security mental hos-pital at Carstairs, Strathclyde, a public inquiry at Lanark was told yesterday.

Staff who searched the work-shop after Thomas McCullock and Robert Mone had killed and Robert Mone had killed three men in a break-out on November 30 found two homemade garrottes concealed behind a drawer in Mr McCulloch's workbench, she inquiry was told. They also found that a knife in a toolbox had been replaced with a dummy. It was not until a second

search that they found a piece of wood, which seemed to form part of some shelving, but which was hollowed out to con-

ceal a crude sword made from a woodwork clamp.

tured, could have been made in 10 minutes on a buffing machine in the adjoining woodwork workshop, he added. Mr Latimer was giving evidence on the eighth day of the inquiry into the escape. The two men have been jailed for the rest of their natural lives, Mr McCulloch for all three murders and Mr Mone for the murder of the policeman. Mr Latimet said Mr Mone month, and Mr McCulloch often The

Although, at the request of the police, the staff searched also for a masterkey mould and two toy guns, they were never found. Mr Mone and Mr McCulloch had made the weapons undetected while they were working together in the paintshop, Mr Thomas Latimer, occupational officer, said.

A small hatchet, recovered after the men had been recaptured, could have been made

He agreed with Mr Donald Robertson, QC, for the Scottish Prison Officers' Association, that he and the men in his department were strictly amateurs as far as security was contempted and had a survey was contempted and had a survey was strictly and and had a survey was surveyed and had a surveyed as security was surveyed and had a surveyed a surveyed and had a surveyed and had a surveyed a surveyed and had a surveyed and had a surveyed and had a surveyed and had a surveyed a surveyed a surveyed a surveyed a surveyed and had a surveyed a surve concerned and had no nursing experience.
Since the break-out there had been a change of procedures in the workshop. There was a half-day search every

The inquiry continues today.

Today Sun rises : 6.39 am 7.32 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 4.37 am 3.17 pm Full Moon: April 4. Lighting up: 8.2 pm to 6.7 am. High water: London Bridge, 11.31 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 11.59 pm, 5.8m (19.1ft). Avonmouth, 4.28 am, 10.4m (34.1ft); 5.16 pm, 11.0m (36.0ft). Dover, 9.5 am, 5.4m (17.8ft); 9.33 pm, 5.6m (18.5ft). Hull, 4.0 am, 5.8m (18.9ft); 4.12 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Liverpool, 9.8 am, 7.7m (25.2ft); 9.41 pm, 7.9m (26.0ft).

Pressure will be low to the NW of the British Isles, with a SW airstream covering all districts, bringing troughs of low presure across many parts. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE England, East Angliz: Some bright intervals, rather cloudy with occasional rath; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Central, E, SW England, Mid-

Wales, NW England, Lake Dis-Wales, NW England, Lake District, Iste of Man, SW Scotland; Cloudy, hill and coastal fog, rain, perhaps heavy and prolonged in places; wind SW, strong, locally gale; max temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

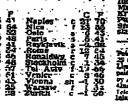
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly Cloudy, with rain, perhaps few bright Intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

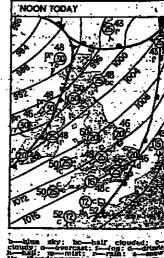
Classow Central Highlands. Glasgow, Central Highlands: Cloudy, hill fog; rain, perhaps heavy and prolonged in places; wind SW; strong, locally gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

max temp 9°C (48°F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Cloudy, hill and coastal fog, rain, perhaps heavy, probably showery later; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 8° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, hill and coast fog patches, rain; wind 8 or SW, fresh or strong, max temp 7°C (48°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; r, rain ; &,



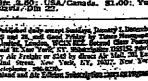


Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S, fresh or strong; sea moderate-or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S or SW, strong to gale force, severe gales in places; sea very rough.

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Ontlook for tomorrow snd Saturday: Showers or longer spells of rain in many places, especially in N and W, some bright spells also, normal temp-Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 7°C. (45°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 2°C (36°F). Hushidity, 7 pm, 41 per cent. Rain, 24nr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24nr to 7 pm, 5.6nr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,025.0 milibars, steady, 1,020 milibars = 29.53in.



Literary Editor

It is difficult to think of a

man better suited to be presi-

dent of the Publishers Associa-

tion at this time. Mr Graham

C. Greene, who takes on this influential job today for two years, is already at 40 the

managing director of Jonathan

Cape, one of the most distin-guished firms in the trade. He

the association since its incep-tion 80 years ago and starts with the added advantage of birth, being the son of Sir Hugh Greene, former Director-

General of the BBC and chairman of the Bodley Head, and nephew of his namesake, the author of Brighton Rock and

He has proved to be

adventurous publisher in his own right. Already this year

he has been responsible for Cape's bringing out Joe Haines's The Politics of Power and David Marquand's biog-

raphy of Ramsay MacDonald. His authors have also included three former Labour ministers and one Conservative, Richard

Crossman, Anthony Crosland, Dick Taverne and Lord Win-

Labour Party and has been a

big upheaval in its traditional

overseas markets as a result of an American anti-trust suit and the threat of dumping by some

American publishers after new interpretation of EEC

"I fear I shall be spending nore time in Brussels than

here", he says. "The Ameri-

The resources could be used

for extending community care,

be less costly.

which studies have shown to

Doctors, nurses and other hospital staff should be retrained for a new role in the

Our Man in Havana.

the youngest president of

companies through a period of upheaval

Man in the news: Ideally suited to guide British

PLR champion is publishers' new leader

Mr Greene: Adventurous

With a vast home market, overseas sales are their jam.
On the other hand, British

publishing relies on foreign markets. Without these the whole industry is at risk." At home, Mr Greene has

been a long-standing champion

of public lending right, with an emphasis on the right. Be-

tween 1970 and 1972 he was a member of two working parties set up by the Arts Council and

"It is not a welfare hand-out

for indigent authors", he insists. "I shall continue to work for its introduction." As a first

step he will be satisfied with a

change in the copyright law to make the lending of books

comparable to the performing

He insists that PLR will be

enacted ultimately, despite the

squabbling in recent years.
"We should have had PLR by
now if it had not been for the

antagonism the different fac-

the Paymaster General.

right in music.

have nothing to lose.

publisher in own right.

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Once it is law, he believes that

publishers and all connected

with the book trade must pro-mote book borrowing, not just

book buying, as a means to

greater prosperity for authors and publishers. We have the

best library system in the

world. Let us aim to make it

Other sections of the book trade will find Mr Greens

ready to discuss mutual prob-

lems with an openness of min

not always associated with the Publishers Association. But

whereas previous presidents have often been elder statesmen, able and prepared to take time off from their companies for their com-

panies for their two years of office, Mr Greene has no in-

tention of neglecting his duties at Jonsthan Cape.

Educated at Eton and University College, Oxford, with a brief spell as a merchant banker, Mr Greene has spent his whole career in publishing. He began with Secker and Warburg, where he became sales manager, and moved to Jonathan Cape in 1962.

and his concern for the wel-

fare of Cape and other med-ium-sized literary publishers in

the changing economic climate of the 1960s led to the forma-

tion of a holding company in

which two other firms, Chatto and Windus and the Bodley Head, have a third share each. Only this week he returned from Australia, where he was involved in setting up a pub-lishing house for the group. His predecessor as associa-

His predecessor as associa

tion president, Mr Peter All sop, of Associated Book Pub-

lishers, becomes vice-president

The new treasurer will be Mr Frank Whitehead, of Macmil-

financial background

even better."

His

inquiry should be set up into the causes of under-achievement by West Indian children in British schools, a report published yesterday recommends. It suggests that poor school standards and the increasing alienation of young blacks are at the core of difficulties experienced by Britain's West Indian community, who

number about half a million. The report, published by the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, states that discrimination is widespread, particularly in employment, and that there is a growing tendency for some West Indians to seek rather than to avoid confrontation. The persistence of discrim-

ination has led to a sharp deterioration in race relations, it says, a nd has caused an upsurge of crude racialism and the growth of organized racislist groups and has provoked the activity of West Indian

The report criticizes successivee governments for failing to implement past recommendations to prevent a further deterioration in race relations.

Mr Fre Willey, a former Labour housing minister who is chairman of the committee, said at a press conference yes terday: "We have got to terday: "We have got to accept that the point of ten-sion is that of the young blacks who are finding that although they are British ciri tage to be born black'.

Social Services Correspondent

number of pensioners and poor families have applied for a dis-count on their wanter electricity bills under the Government's

£25m scheme to help them. A

new publicity campaign will be

launched today to encourage more claims from the 2,680,000

people believed to be eligible

By March 18 only 238,000

people had claimed their discounts, which enries them to a quarter off their bills during the February to April meterreading quarter. The average discount has been £6 or £7.

The scheme applies to people receiving supplementary bene-

receiving supplementary benefit or family income supple-

Mr Cunningham, Under Secre-

tary of State for Energy,

pointed out yesterday that the

discount can stell be claimed

even if people have paid their bills, but the scheme will stop

cent take-up, but we want to see a much greater take-up of

the discount scheme than has happened yet", he said.

at the end of June.

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for help.

Fewer than half the expected

Drive to encourage more

power bill discount claims

had received disturbing evidence of the demoralization of the West Indian community caused by disappointment that the committee's past recom-mendations had been largely

discegarded.

It says: "The West Indian community have made it clear that they are looking for, and need, more than a sympathetic understanding of their prob-lems and difficulties: they expect and are entitled to expect, positive and effective action."

Young blacks, it says, present a critical challenge. Their alienation cannot be ignored and action must be taken before race relations deteriorate further and create irreconcilable division.

West Indians are seriously disturbed at the high propor-tion of their children in schools for the educationally subnormal, the report says. The committee consider that the relative under-achievement of West Indian children seriously affects their employment prospects and is a matter of major importance in educational terms and in the context of race relations. They regard the assumption of its con-tinuance as unacceptable."

The committee suggests that figures of West Indian children attending ESN schools should be carefully monitored and that the Department of Education and Science should issue a new circular advising chef education officers of the importance of remedial teaching in schools and the need for

The new code of practice for

plank of Government measures to help the poor with their

Board headquarters yesterday

and found that disconnexions had dropped by nine-tenths since the code was introduced

In January and February this

year only 200 London households had their electricity supply disconnected, compared with 2,200 in the same months last year. But board officials expect disconnexions to rise again in June, when the ban on disconnections

disconnecting pensioner house-holds is lifted.

Mr Cunningham said he had

been told that some people were sheltering behind the code. Board officials said that

some wealthy pensioners, in-cluding retired brigadiers, were

refusing to pay their bills because they knew there was a

total ban on disconnecting

of Londoners paying for their electricity through easy-pay-ment schemes or prepayment

The code has also caused a

pensioners living alone.

No benefit has a 100 per slight increase in the numbers

last December.

improve the teaching of literacy and numeracy in pri-

schools with large rs of West Indian numbers of pupils, as it was found that such children were already behind indigenous children in reading standards at the age of

Special attention should be paid to the needs of black children by teachers in secondary schools and ways should be found to increase the numger The Government is urged to

investigate the success of measures it finances to combat racial disadvantage and to issue guidance to local authorities on their responsibilities. The committee found there was still widespread discrim-

employment, not only in rec-ruitment but also to some extent in promotion. The report says: "Employment problems are the most serious of the problems con-fronting young blacks. It is on leaving school that many face

consequences of edu seeking a job that they fre-quently face rejection seemingly simply because they are al under-achievement. It is on black. These problems are made worse by large-scale un-

Having heard from the ome Office that evidence available does not form a basis for firm conclusions about West Indians and crime, the committee says: "There is no evidence available to justify any firm conclusions about the

police and West Indians are poor, the report says, and the Homee Office should invite the Commission for Racial Equality to set up a working party, involving both the police and West Indians, to examine the continuing unsatisfactory relations between the two.

The committee recommends that the Home Office Research Unit, which is investigating Indian crime in London should submit its report to the Metropolican Police and the Commission for Racial Equality, who should then report to the Home Secretary. In evidence the Metropolitan Police had accepted that present rela-tions between the police and young West Indians constituted

a flashpoint. The committee says it seems to be established that there is some harassment of West In-dians and difficulties are made worse by the small number of West Indians in the police force. In the Metropolitan Police there are only 29 officers of West Indian or African origin.

The Home Office is urged to

study the recruitment of West dlesham, and Foreign Secre-taries present and past, David Owen and Patrick Gordon Walker. He is a member of the Indians to police forces and to issue guidance to help increase the number.

The Government and local authorities, the report says, candidate in Chelsea borough should encourage the recruitment of more West Indians elections. His political contacts will be of great importance, for Bri-tish publishing is faced with a into the social services and as

and

parents. Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration: The West Indian Community, Vol 1 (Stationary Office, £1.35).

child-minders

Private-school campaign to help needy children

Education Correspondent

A campaign to give children heating costs in winter, has proved more successful, at least from disadvantaged homes a boarding education in Britain's in London. Mr Cunningham visited the London Electricity private schools is to be launched shortly by Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader.

A pilot scheme, which has so far placed 18 children under the age of 11 in preparatory schools suggests that hundreds of children are in need now that state boarding schools, like Ottershaw in Surrey, are having to close.

The children have been placed under a scheme started in 1973 by the Joint Educational Trust, of which Sir Douglas is chairman. The trust was set up by the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools. Parents of other children at more than a dozen preparatory schools have agreed to pay £1 extra on their school fees so that heavily subsidized or free places can be given to children from distressed homes. Some

children have referred to the trust by local authorities and by social headquarters. The trust is run by Mr Raymond Cooper, former

places available.

other schools have made free

headmaster of The Hall pre-paratory school, Hampstead, London, from his home, Bird-bush Cottage, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr Cooper said: "We are the only trust of our kind helping children under the age of 11." They had had to refuse elp to four out of every five children referred to them, but were going to ask all the independent schools for financial

Local authority to meet head teachers

Mr Thomas McManners, Lancashire education authority's principal adviser, is holding 14 meetings of head teachers and college principals to discuss the topics covered by the Govern-ment's national debate on education and the transfer of children from primary to secondary schools (our Education Correspondent writes).

community as peripatetic mensecondary schools are examin-ing their curriculum in associa-The association urges commission to recognize that because there are relatively few mentally handicapped tion with county advisers and her Majesty's Inspectors.

Closure of mental hospitals in 15 years recommended to royal commission By John Roper Health Services Correspondent people, and families are scat-

tered, they lack political force-fulness. That has led to decades Most hospitals for the mentally handicapped should Mr Tony Smythe, director of be closed and the responsibility Mind, said yesterday that although the needs of the for care transferred to local authority social and educational services, Mind, the National Association for Mental Health, has told the Royal Commission handicapped are now fairly well understood, they are still not being met. Families caring at home are left "to stew". on the National Health Service. Many hospitals are not fit to In its evidence, published yesterday, Mind says that if the live or work in and fall far short of civilized standards. The tendency is still to dump and forget the mentally handion were to support a programme of closing big, remotely situated hospitals and many wards in urban areas in the next fifteen years, large sums of money could be saved.

Mind says the mentally handicapped should be removed from the provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959. The service for them should be provided by integrating social service department, local education authority and health service facilities. Within comprehensive community proviofficial status on the governing bodies of hostels and day care

fessional people involved accountable directly to parents as well as to their professional bodies and superiors, must be given the highest priority. Parents should be given free-dom of choice of access to all facilities and should be able to go to the Department of Health and the Department of n and Science if dissatisfied.

The association argues that basic-grade nurses should have far greater responsibility for the day-to-day running of wards in hospitals for the men-tally handicapped. The present hierarchical system seems to militate against efficient ward management and should be abandoned. Mind says the commission should make clear that it is

the basic right of all mentally handicapped children to remain with their families and port. Services

In brief

Churches in fight for schools

The Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church have combined in an attempt to save 11 list D (formerly approved) schools from being taken over by regional authori-

In a joint submission to Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, they suggest that, where appropriate, voluntary managers should work with the authorities to preserve the schools' Christian character.

Soviet filming visit

Soviet television cameramen are to film a space-tracking station operated by pupils at Kettering Boys' School, Northamptonshire, today. The unit, which has gained international recognition for its work in tracking satellites, will be fee tured in a documentary Soviet television.

Big Ben repairs

Repairs to the chiming mechanism of Big Ben will be completed by early May, a Commons written reply said yesterday. The clock will be stopped from midday on April 4 until about midday on April 17 while replacement parts are

Murder charge

Robert Thomas Robb, aged 29, of Beauclerc Street, Alloa, Central Region, was remanded in custody at Alloa Sheriff Court, yesterday, charged with the murder of Miss Margaret Norman, aged 71, of Alva, last week.

Nine years for rapist

Patrick Thomas Tighe, aged nurse while under the influence of LSD, was sentenced at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday to nine years' imprison-

Fire at Sotheby's

Fire broke out at Sotheby's in New Bond Street, London, yes terday, but antiques and paintings escaped damage. The auctioneers said electrical apparatus was believed to be responsible.

Call to protect goats

The Snowdonia National Park Committee decided yesterday to ask the Nature Conservancy to press for the wild goats of Snowdonia to be made a protected species by law.

Restrictions lifted

Aimost all restrictions on inland waterway cruising imposed during last year's drought are to be lifted from Saturday, the British Waterways Board announced vesterday.

Police reject TUC

Hertfordshire police officers strike but rejected by 774 votes to 261 a suggestion that the Police Federation should join

Spectacular show of Roman plate By Our Arts Reporter

The Antioch Chalice somewhere over the Atlantic yesterday and the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad had not seen eye to eye with the British Museum over the objects it was expected to provide.

But in spite of the snags that bedevil every big exhibition the British Museum's speciacular display of gold and silver dating from AD 300 to 700 opens on schedule tomorrow under the title "Wealth of the Roman World".

Roman World."

Preparations for handling crowds of Tutanichaman dimensions were well in hand yesterday; a large marquee was assembled in the main courtyard and three gold banners hung between the pillars in front of the main doors. The exhibition cost £100,000 to stage; it is expected to attract well over 750,000 visitors, including VIPs and scholars from cluding VIPs and scholars from all over the world, and runs until October 1.

Mr Kenneth Peinter, deputy keeper of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities, was awaiting the arrival of the last consignment from the Metro-politan Museum, New York, which includes the Antioch Chalice. The objects were being accompanied by museum officials, who have put their exhibits in position themselves.

"We went to the Hermitage for 15 objects and came back with 15", Mr Painter said. "But they were horrorstricken when they saw our list because it did not coincide with theirs."

A survey of public attitudes

on the development of nuclear

power showed that two people

out of three think that more

effort to conserve coal, oil and

gas and to develop alternative

supplies of energy is preferable.

to building atomic power

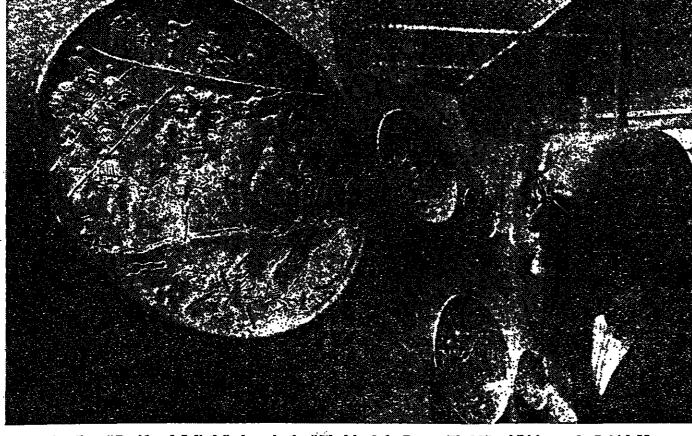
Nevertheless, this poll of 1,081 adults, aged 18 and over, conducted by Opinion Research Centre for the magazine New

Society, published today, shows

possible expansion of nuclear

tolerance towards the

By Our Science Editor



One of the silver "David and Goliath" plates in the "Wealth of the Roman World" exhibition at the British Museum.

Eleven objects had to be changed but Mr Painter was happy yesterday that the substituted articles were all of "absolutely top quality". Of all the 873 exhibits the one that most thrilled Mr Painter was a Sassanian silver dish with a figure of Cybele, depicted as a nude woman rid-ing a lion, with an attendant

Majority against new nuclear stations

to be lived with.

is available.

viewed would do nothing to stop the building of a nuclear.

power station within 10 miles

of their homes. They would

regard it as something that had

A similarly large majority put their confidence in scien-

tists, believing that nuclear

power stations are reasonably

safe and feeling that the mil-

hon-to-one likelihood of a serious nuclear accident is an

acceptable price to pay if a

reliable, cheap source of energy

about the risks now being dis-cussed about the storage of

long-lived radioactive waste, Doubts about safety were reflec-

There were some missivings

and surrounded by six smaller medallions illustrating animals. On the reverse is a Sogdian inscription of the sixth to seventh century AD giving the name Farnach and the weight. What makes it a particular rarity and expresses the theme of the exhibition is that the dish was the property of a Sogdian in Central Asia

ted more frequently by women than men.

There were also many people

with doubts about the burial as

sea or deep underground of

wastes that would remain active

for many centuries. Some respondents thought that the possible theft of plutonium or

sabotage of a nuclear installa-

tion were strong enough reasons to halt the building of more

On the other hand, there was

concern about associated deve-lopments, such as the recent creation of the awned police

force within the Atomic Energy

Ambority, and security measures that might infringe civil liberties.

nuclear plants.

found its way north into central Russia, where it had been buried, possibly in some buried, possibly in some moment of danger, and was eventually unearthed with an-other Sassanian dish in 1886. "Wealth of the Roman World " will not be open to the public on Monday mornings after April 25 during term-time

By a Stoff Reporter

vulsion against them.

formerly....

A television news executive

suggested last night that tele-

vision coverage of violent

actions and their consequences

might ultimately have a moder-

aring effect by increasing re-

Mr David Nicholas, deputy disor of Independent Tele-

vision News, delivering one of a series of lectures organized by the Independent Broadcast

ing Authority, also asked whether, far from accepting

violence in society, we in fact found it more shocking than

to 2 pm is reserved for school parties booking in advance. There are special arrangements with British Rail to bring the

Television might moderate

violence, executive says

parties to London and inquiries should be made to the museum's education service. The general admission charge is 50p for adults and 20p for children and senior citizens.

He recalled the many instan-

ces of violent civil disorder

that took place in Britain in

1911 with the comment: "There

were not too many outside

broadcast units or news film teams to blame for fomenting

the strife or threatening the

disorder of the kind I have des-cribed would take place before

the unblinking eye of the news

camera, if only because the

perpetrators, on whichever side, would be mindful of how

they would alienate public

sympathy for their cause

"It is inconceivable now that

reasonable society'.

According to trawler reports the debris was found in very deep water near where the Gaul

Kill more deer, report says

Scottish landowners are advised in an official report issued yesterday to kill more red deer because otherwise they face death through starvation in a hard winter.

The annual report of the Red Deer Commission estimates the number of red deer in Scotland at 270,000, after a series of relatively mild winters.

New regulations for safety of oil heaters

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

and training centres.

New regulations for the safety of portable oil heaters come into operation today. They have been made under the Consumer Protection Act, 1961, and apply to all secondhand and new appliances suitable for domestic use and offered for sale in Britain. In addition to embodying the comprehensive safety requirements in existing regulations the new ones require all heat-ers (other than those designed to operate only when fixed to a rigid support) to have a selfextinguishing facility so that if they are overturned while alight they are automatically extinguished within 15 seconds. Other requirements relate to

construction, design and safe performance. They cover stab-ility, the limitation of fuel spillage on overturning, control of the emission of carbon monoxide, surface temperature, operation when not on a level surface, fire risk and safe per-formance in a draught. Oil heaters must in fusine bear specific warnings. Oil Heaters (Safety) Regula-tions, 1977 (Stationery Office, 12p).

Wreckage sent for naval tests

Wreckage from the Gaul, the Hull trawler that was lost with-out trace in February, 1974 was being sent to Portsmouth last night for examination by Admiralty marine biologists. Parts of a life-raft container from the Gaul were brought up in the nets of another Hull trawler, the Marbella, off the Norwegian coast early this

was last reported.

Workers have moved out of holiday camp, judge told

Dismissed workers who for four days had occupied Pontin's Central Beach holiday camp at Prestatyn, Clwyd, have camp at Frestatyn, Clwyd, have moved out, Mr Justice Foster was told in the High Court yesterday. He made an order giving Pontin possession of the camp after Mr Richard Scott, QC, their counsel, had said the company feared the men might move back.

When Mr Scott asked for 1500 towards the possession order proceedings, the judge said: "The going rate in my court at the moment is £100", and awarded that amount.

The judge accepted an assurance given by Mr David Akteras, for Mr Barry Scragg, the strikers' leader, and some of his men, that they would not recuter the camp without consent, and made an order in similar terms against the rest of the 85 men alleged to have taken part in the occupation. He also ordered the men not

to enter without permission any other of Pontin's 23 camps or Oxford Street showroom. The injunctions are effective until the trial of an action Pontin's is bringing against the men, or further court order.

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WEST EUROPE

Government orders investigation of tea price increases

By Hugh Clayton
Mr Hattersley, Secretary of
State for Prices and Consumer
Protection, who cancelled the
ten subsidy six months ago,
called yesterday for an investicarion of subsequent price rises.
He said he wanted "an authoritative check that consumers are not being exploited.

Imports, packing ad distribution will be examined by the Price Commission, which is making a similar study of

Mr Hattersley said be wanted the rea investigation to cover particularly the recent sharp rises in world prices. His an-nouncement should not be assumed to indicate that he thought traders were profiteer-

Oct

Bacon industry appeals for

of about £3.50 a pig or £1m a and the Irish republic had week was about half of what forced the Government to pay

He was announcing a cam- Ireland farmers not to sell pigs paign by his company, FMC, to over the border.

price and subsidy rises

Co-op "99" 10½p 14½p 16½p 17p

The commission is also exampeople. PRICE CHANGES ON A QUARTER-POUND OF TEA

* Rise due on May 1.

By Our Agricultural

Bacon curers said yesterday

that they needed higher prices and farmers needed a higher

subsidy on pigs. Mr Bill Newton-

Clare, chairman of the Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Assoc-

iation, said the present subsidy

farmers needed to break even.

meet aggressive Danish compe-

tition for a dwindling British bacon market. "British bacon,

when compared with Danish, has lacked lustre", he told an audience of farmers and grocers

in London. The industry needed

higher prices nearer to those sound charged by Denmark to en-pound

Correspondent

Jackson's Earl Grey" 21p ining claims from tea packers for increases of 27p a poutd. They would cover an auction price of about £2 a kilogram. Prices have risen this month almost to £2.70.

Mr Eustace Crawley, managing director of Japhan's Teas

ing director of Jackson's Teas, said: "At the end of April we are going to have to make a very substantial increase. I very substantial increase. I would think there would have to be another one shortly afterwards." He did not expect auction prices to fall below £2 a kilogram, compared with little more than £1 at the start of

the year.

The tea subsidiary was introduced 2½ years ago and last year was estimated to save 3p a week on the food bill of an "average household" of three

courage output of a better British product.

of the National Farmers' Union, said the latest abortive talks

about EEC farm prices had damaged the already unsteady foundation of the British pig

industry. Monetary anomalies between the United Kingdom

a subsidy to persuade Northern

Cheaper potatoes: "Sharp falls" in prices were reported by the Potato Marketing Board

Leary Plumb, president

20½p 27p

' inevitable " unavoidable

identity. Several MPs have also taken He has also been reminded that

Constable of Essex, said yes-terday: "The Director of Pub-

In February, 1975, Det Chief Supt Ronald Sills, of West Yorkshire police, was appointed to investigate complaints about the conduct of the investigation after the arrest of Mr Ince for the bullion robbery at Mount-

nessing.

After the inquiry a senior detective in the bullion investi-

Police in Ince case are cleared

By Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent

George Ince, who is serving 15-year prison sentence in Wormwood Scrubs, London, for his part in a £400,000 bullion robbery in Essex five years ago. was told yesterday that the Director of Public Prosecutions can find no evidence on which to bring criminal proceedings against certain police officers who helped to convict him.

The Home Secretary is, however, reviewing the papers in his case and is expected in the next 10 days to decide Mr Ince's future.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has received many petitions in the last six months from "Free George Ince" campaigners calling for his freedom and a pardon because of alleged mistaken identity

up his plea and I understand that Mr Rees has taken deep Mr Ince, having served a third of his sentence, may soon be considered for parole.

Mr John Duke, Deputy Chief

lic Prosecutions has informed the chief constable, after considering the West Yorkshire team inquiry report into complaints of George Ince, that the evidence is insufficient to justify the institution of criminal proceedings against any of the Essex police officers involved in the Mountnessing bullion robbery inquiry. Sir John Nightingale, the chief constable, will be considering any other issues arising from the inquire.

yesterday. It quoted a minimum price for small potatoes of 4p a pound and said that large homegrown tubers could be sound for as little as 6p a

Former mayor cleared on deception charge

Thomas Melville John, aged 45, a former Mayor of Port Talbot. West Glamorgan, was cleared at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court on Tuesday of obtaining money by deception by claiming attendance allowauces from two councils at the

Judge Griffiths, QC, directed the Jury to acquit Mr John, because the prosecution had not that he acted dis-

Mr John, of Cwmclais Road, Civmafon, mayor in 1971-72, denied six charges of obtaining £10 attendance allowances from Afon council between May, 1974. and February, 1975. The prosecution allegtd that Mr John claimed 41 allowances from Afon Borough Council after making claims for the same days to West Glamorgan County Council, of which he

was also a member.

Mr John agreed, but said he felt entitled to dual claims because he did different work for both councils on the same

Mr Shore urged to spread inner-city aid nationally

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

A deputation from the Association of District Councils told Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday that aid to the inner-city areas should not be confined to the main conurbations.

Led by Commander Duncan soon as possible the criteria Lock, chairman, they emphasized that difficulties of housing equal severity to towns and cities in the non-metropolitan areas, such as Nottingham, Hull, Bristol and Leicester. Commander Lock urged the Government to tackle the difficulties on a national basis.

Mr Shore, who has listened to other local authority associ-ations on the matter before the publication of a White Paper expected next month, would not be drawn on the details of the distribution of the £100m for

inner-city construction work announced in the Budget.

The association, hoping that the £100m is extra to any local government allocation of funds in order to help the construction industry, believe that money for inner-city aid should be made by grants for specific projects. They say the Govern-ment ought to make known as

The Association of County Shore, argued that if the Government wished to go ahead with special policies for inner-city areas finance should be met not from a redistribution of rate-support and other local government grants but specifically from other central government expenditure.

Government's should be to produce a dis-tribution of the rate-support grant that fairly reflected the needs of all and not some selected areas, the ACC said.

Students back continued at council spending cuts campaign Students voted yesterday to the company and received continue their union campaign enough to cover its main debts.

Delegates to the union con-ference at Blackpool were told against public spending cuts and for a better grant system. The National Union of by Mr Alan Walters, a full-time Students conference rejected demands from the Conserva-tives and the Ultra Left for worker for the campaign against a criminal trespass law, that such legislation would effectively make all forms of more direct action in the grant occupation, sit-in and some campaign and priority for abolishing discretionary awards forms of picketing illegal.

Hardship cash: Manchester
University has set aside an
initial £100,000 for a hardship in favour of mandatory ones.

The conference also rejected a plea from Miss Veronica McClarey, of Middlesex Polyfund to help students badly affected by the latest increases in tuition fees (our Education technic, to seek grants index-linked against inflation. orrespondent writes). Fees for some home and

At a press conference later, Mr Christopher Morgan, the NUS treasurer, denied that the overseas students have been union was getting into debt. He said its finances were "firm increased from next-September. In a statement yesterday the university expressed regret at the proposed high level of

The union has been debating its financial affairs privately after the collapse of its travel company last year. It has sold

Drug Act arrests

Three more people were arrested under the Misuse of Drugs Act last night after fur-ther police raids in Mid Wales, Newtown police said. Veterinary services Restrictions on advertising by

tuition fees and promised to help all those eligible for aid abrough hardship.

eterioary surgeons may relaxed, subject to certain restraints, it was announced in the Commons yesterday.

Cold warning swimming pool

Attendances have fallen at a council-owned indoor swimming pool at Fauldhouse, Lothian ince the water temperature was dropped to reduce costs in the coal-fired heating system. Mr Stephen Barr, the mana-ger, has posted a notice to warn parents that babies and young children should not stay more than 15 minutes in the water. "After that time they will suf-fer from mild exposure", he

Film-safety plan to continue

The British Film Institute is to spend part of its £3.48m government grant for 1977-78 on its 24-year programme of transferring dangerous nitrate film on to safety stock (our Arts Reporter writes).

The grant includes a special allocation of £300,00 for storing nitrate films, which the institute says, suffer from irreversible chemical decomposi-

Warning over multinational gambling

By Marcel Berlins A warning about the dangers of multinational gambling activities has been given by the Gaming Board in its annual report for 1976 and in accompanying comments by its out-noing chairman, Sir Stanley

Sir Stanley says he regards foreign involvement in gambling by licensed operators in Britain, and the possible emerg-ence of multinational gambling enterprises, as the "next big problem which governments and enforcement agencies such as the Gaming Board will have

to tackle". If allowed to develop, he contipued, such activities would constitute "an undesirable mix creating new and difficult prob-lems of vetting, supervision, control and inspection ". The board's report says that

international aspects of gambl- and attracting little public support. There also appears to be increasing movement across national boundaries of those who wish to promote gambling, or are employed in it, or take

part in it as gamblers.

"A new dimension is thus imparted into gambling operations and control which calls for close liaison and consultarion between governments and, where they exist, authorities responsible for gambling controls."

The report goes on to refer to the question of illegal gaming, which raises serious problems of law and order. It is usually organized by criminals or those on the fringes of the criminal underworld, it says. Law enforcement in that area is notoriously difficult, making Great Britain, 1976 (Stationery heavy demands on police time Office, 90p).

legalizing casino gaming, in order to eradicate difficulties associated with illegal gaming, to raise revenue and to attract

require greater vigilance to ensure that international criminals do not infikrate legi-timate enterprises, the report

non-communist trade unions on a wages policy and the basis for calculating cost-of-living increases. Senator Stammati had to clear the arrangement with the International Monetary Fund which had already agreed

Several countries have legalized or are considering

It is clear that such develop-ments, together with the in-creasingly rapid movement of people around the world, will

On other matters within its orbit, the Gaming Board says that generally gaming in Britain seems to have stabilized, and that demand is being met. Report of the Gaming Board of

M René Haby (retains Education); M Alain Peyrefitte (newcomer at Justice); M Michel d'Ornano (switched to Culture and Environment): Mme Simone Veil (still at Health); M Jean-Pierre Fourcade (still at Equipment); and M Christian Bonnet (switched to Interior). New Government strengthens the position of M Barre

into the Government, impairing its image and disrupting its activity.

But it must have been a tough decision for M Giscard d'Estaing to sacrifice M Poniarowski, his most intimate friend and adviser, even though the former Interior Minister's authursts and blunders had apparently begun to undermine his standing in the President's

They are M Michel Poniatow-ski, M Jean Lecanuer and M Ulivier Guichard. Two lesser ministers defeated in the recent municipal elec-tions—M Michel Durafour, the former Minister-Delegate for Finance, and M Pierre Brousse, the former left-wing Radical Socialist senator converted to the Government Majority as Minister for Trade and Crafts were also dropped. They had submitted their resignations to the President last week.

The dropping of the three senior ministers was one of the conditions on which M Barre missted if he were to form a But M Michel d'Ornano, the former Minister for Industry and the Government's unsuccess ful candidate in the election for Mayor of Paris, who is another close friend of the President's. has retained his Government post. He is put in charge of a sters" who introduced personal new ministry com and party political rivalries and environment. new ministry combining culture

M Christian Bonnet, who takes over the key portfolio of the Interior, has made his mark as an able and energetic Minister of Agriculture since M Giscard d'Estaing took office. It will be his task to organize the Majority's victory in the parliamentary elections of March, 1978, the overriding objective

The ins and outs of M Raymond Barre's new Government (from left) : M Michel Poniatowski (out) ; M Robert Galley (retains Cooperation) ; M Louis de

Guiringaud (still Foreign Minister); M Jean Lecannet (out); M Yvon Bourges (still at Defence); and M Olivier Guichard (out).

The Gaullists are proportionally stronger in this Government than in the last, with the same number of ministers in a smaller team. This, together with M Poniatowski's departure, should help to pave the way for a reconciliation between M Giscard d'Estaing and M Jacques Chirac, the new Mayor of Paris and leader of

the Gaullist Rassemblement. But the authority of M Barre himself receives a powerful boost with today's changes; most of the new ministers were chosen by him, not by the President; he is rid of the quarrelsome triumvirate of the Independent Republican M Poniatowski, the centrist M Lecanuet and the Gaullist M Guichard; should provide a few pointers.

a close knit team. It was, he told reporters as he left the Elysée Palace today, a "fight-ing Government".

Now that his second Cabinet has been launched, its ability to hold course depends in the

first place on the kind of response it obtains from M Chirac and his Gaullist Rassemblement. So far, the only straws in the wind are the of this second Barre Governsmile of M Chirac's face after his meetings with the President and with the Prime Minister, and the positive reactions of Gaullist parliamentarians gathered at Les Baux-de-Provence for a two-day seminar. The new Mayor of Paris, who was due to speak to them today, has postponed his appearance until tomorrow. He wanted to know first what sort of list M Barre was going to produce, and the broad lines of the 12month programme which his party, by a vote of confidence in both Houses of Parliament, would be called on to endorse next month. President Giscard d'Estaing, at the first meeting

will make a statement which

Prime Minister and Minister of Finance: Raymond Barre (non-

party). Justice : Alain Peyrefitte (Gaul list). Foreign Affairs: Louis de Guiringaud (non-party). Interior: Christian Bonnat (Gaullist). Defence: Yvon Bourges (Gaul Cooperation: Robert Galley (Gaullist).
Culture and Environment;
(Yard Rep). Michel D'Ornano (Ind Rep).

Minister-Delegate for Econe and Finance: Robert Booling (Gaullist). Equipment: Jean-Pierre Four-cade (Ind Rep). Education: René Haby (nonparty).
Agriculture: Pierre Mehaignerie (Centrist). Industry and Commerce: René Monory (Centrist). Labour: Christian Beullac (non-

party). Health and Social Security: Mme Simone Veil (non-party). Foreign Trade: André Rossi

Leading article, page 15

EEC dashes Britain's hope of developing | Greek Cypriots gloomy on unlimited power from hydrogen atom

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 30

aris, March 30

this afternoon.

M Raymond Barre, who was

reappointed Prime Minister by

President Giscard d'Estaing yesterday, submitted his list of

new ministers to the President

As expected, three senior

ministers in M Barre's former Cabinet are dropped in the

interests of Government unity.

There are only two new-comers in the 15-man team:

M Alain Peyrefitte, a diplomar,

writer and former minister of General de Gaulle, who be-comes Justice Minister; and M

René Monory, a senator and a seasoned politician, who is appointed Minister for Indus-

new Cabinet and his wish was granted by the President. The Prime Minister wished to put

Britain's high hopes of being chosen as the site for the EEC's ambitious experimental thermonuclear fusion project, the Joint European Torus (Jet), were drastically reduced, if not irreparably dashed, at an all-night meeting of research min-isters of the Nine which ended here today at 4.30 am.

The Council of Ministers has now made five abortive attempts in 18 months to agree on a site for the £70m project. which could open the way to the development of cheap, clean and virtually unlimited supplies of nuclear generated electricity in the early part of the next century.

According to informed sources, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, whose chairmanship of last whose charmanship of last night's meeting was being criticized here as partisan, deliberately steered the discus-sions away from a vote on the project site when it became clear that the British candidate was unlikely to win.

This was stoutly denied by a British spokesman, but inde-pendent accounts tended to confirm that Mr Kaufman had an opportunity last night to bring offers of more the matter to the vote had he ment elsewhere.

From Our Own Correspondent-

Signor Andreotti today won

a new lease of life for his minority Christian Democratic

Government. By midday, after two long nights and a sudden flight to Washington by Senator Stammati, the Minister of the Treasury, the agile Prime Minister managed to pull off a senanglable according to the framemarkable according to the framemarkab

remarkable escape from apparently certain political death in his Government's

He negotiated a compromise with both the communist and

Rudolph Becvar went on trial

in Munich today charged with hijacking a Czechoslovak air-liner and detaining people against their will.

Mr Becvar, a 26-year-old un-skilled worker, boarded the CSA airliner in Prague last October

gun he forced the crew to fly it

to Munich. He had told the

short but dramatic career.

Rome, March 30

France, for one, was quite glad reported to have already an-

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Energy, who chose to present the British case rather than take the chair, had earlier pressed the claims of the Culham laboratory near Oxford. which he said was recognized as "a centre of world excellence in fusion research ".

During the course of the night, however, it emerged that if it came to a vote on the site a majority of member states would have been likely to favour Culham's only serious rival, the Garching laboratory in West Germany, which also has previous experience of

The British delegation, which came to Brussels confident that Culham was the front runner, was reported to have been shaken by this discovery.

Dr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner responsible for research, said here today that he was greatly afraid that the international team of Culham based scientists who drew up the bluepring for the Jet

project might now succumb to

offers of more secure employ-

ability internationally.

union wishes.

Czech in Munich hijacking

and the charge against him is extradite him. Earlier this year that armed with a sub-machine a Munich court ruled that the

fied.

trial wanted by Prague

unions refused an accommoda-tion, the Communist Party would be unable to support

the Government's economic

measures in Parliament against

These measures are contained in a decree which ites now to be converted into law by April 8 and went to the Senate tonight for approval. The fact that the political left would not be in

a position to oppose the largely left-wing unions in case of their

failure to agree with the Gov-ernment was made clear during

the talks by Signor Enrico Ber-linguer, the Communist leader.

pilot that he had an accomplice on board with explosives.

his extradition, first claiming that he had murdered his brother. Later, the charges were changed to illegal possessions.

sion of arms and robbing a taxi.

The Bonn Government has not yet decided whether to

Czechoslovak claim was justi-

Czechoslovakia has asked for

genuinely wished to do so. It Fifteen of the team of 58 is probably also true that scientists at Culham are nounced their departure. The contracts of the rest expire at the end of June. The Commission had also said earlier that it would begin running down the project at the end of this

month if no decision on the site

was forthcoming. Dr Brunner said that he had agreed to consider a request to extend this deadline. In the meantime, it is understood that the British presidency will seek to bring ministers together before the end of April in a last-ditch attempt to keep Europe in the race to nuclear

The only bright spot in last night's discussions is that eight of the ministers were able to give their final approval to a four-year research pro-gramme costing £145m for the four laboratories making un the EEC Joint Research Centre. Hitherto this programme, which is largely concerned with reactor safety and nuclear waste disposal, had been blocked by the lack of decision on the site for the Jet project. Only Mr Benn was unable to-give an unconditional go ahead. He said it would have to be

referred to his home govern-

prospects of Vienna talks From Robert Fisk

Nicosia, March 30

dying down even before the new round of intercommunal talks have got under way in Vienna. The Greek Cypriot press, which only five weeks ago was predicting that many Greek Cypriot refugees would be able to return to their homes in northern Cyprus, spoke in lukewarm terms this morning about the talks which start in Austria tomorrow. Dr Vassos Lyssarides, leader

of Edek, the Cypriot Socialist Party, has said in an interview with the Turkish Cypriot newspaper Halkin Sesi that he does not believe there will be a settlement by the end of the Mr Lyssarides referred to American interest in Cyprus

as "outside interference" and said the United State's determination to strengthen Nato's south-eastern flank would be at the expense of Cyprus. Greek Cypriots are hoping that President Carter will continue to refuse arms supplies to Turkey unless Turkish Cypriots make concessions to the Greeks on the island. One reason why Greek meet President Carter.

Cyprious are no longer so Nicosia, March 30

The initial euphoria talks is their gradual realization that, in spite of the two the prospect of a political meetings between President Makarios and Mr Raof Denkias, the Turkish Cyprion leader, the two sides still have radically opposed views of the kind of government that should rule

Cyprus in the future. Mr Denktas wants a strong regional administration for Turks and for Greeks, whereas Archbishop Makarios, who still fundamentally rejects the idea of a partitioned state, is insisting on a powerful central gov-

The socialist newspaper To Nea (The News) said today that the Turkish Cypriots would keep the Vienna talks "moribund" to persuade the Americans to lift their arms embargo on Turkey and to prevent a debate on the United Nations Human Rights Commission's report on Turkish violations

The Communist newspaper Haraughi (Dawn) preferred to reserve its judgment, saying only that the Vienna talks would require "persistence". The pro-Makarios paper Phileftheros (The Liberal) said that the issues would be clearer by May when Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, will

Merchant ships worry an admiral Signor Andreotti wins new lease of life from unions

terms for standby credits needed by the Government to establish its financial respectsubtle Soviet economic pres-sure, according to Admiral Sir John Treacher. Soviet ports in Soviet bottoms to Australia." Signor Andreotti had been left in no doubt that if the

Sir John who retired yesterday as Commander-in-Chief, would do to the seaborne trade Fleet, and Nato's Commander- in the West. in-Chief, Channel and Eastern Atlantic, talked in an interview with the Press Association about the vulnerability of the North Sea oil and gas installations in wartime and of the danger posed by the expanding Soviet mercantile fleet.

Sir John, who is 52, declared that the West should wake up to Russia's economic challenge as much as it needs to wake challenge.

"While we have made considerable strides in the integration of our defence effort, I don't believe that we focus nearly enough on the integration of our political and economic strategy. "Now oil is only one of the

weapons within economic pressure. If you look at the maritime scene today, you will see the Soviet Union, already with 20 million tons of ocean-going shipping, with another five mil-lion tons of sophisticated ships laid down, who are not in business commercially to make a profit in the carriage of trade.

The rates they quote are quite simply 15 or 10 per cent below the current conference let's get together, let's reduce the page. rate. This is very tempting to shippers, and the Russians are on seaborne trade by suggest- our population who then sit gear.

The West may find itself ing that a lot of freight going back and think ah—you see we brought to its knees without to the Far East should go across are not going to need this a shot being fired through on the railway and then be defence. Of course, it weakens

Sir John wondered what this

"So you can build up a scenario here, on the economic front, and I would embrace in this all the other things that we do supply the Soviets withconsumer goods, factories—and meanwhile, if they have a bad harvest, we sell them food. "Nothing is allowed to inter-

fere with their permanent military budget. Unlike in the West, where, if someone gets into economic crisis, there is pressure on our military budget, the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact can get into all sorts of crisis which the West help them out of, are only too pleased to offer them credits, technology transfers and mean-while their military programme just continues to roll on."

Sir John thought that detente tended to work against Nato. "It is difficult for people to assume that there are modern imperialists, people whose sim it is in mould whose aim it is to mould opinion however much we may be reminded by the Berlin Wall that this actually happens.

"So when somebody puts let's get together, let's reduce all this confrontation, he has enormous appeal in the West: now mounting a new offensive irresistible to large numbers of

everything."

Eut he added that he was greatly in favour of it because I think we should negotiate as hard as we can." Arthur Reed writes: The Soviet

merchant fleer has increased to 8,000 vessels of nearly 21m tons, from 700 vessels of 1.3m tons in 1939, and is an essential part of the armed forces, according to a book published yesterday. Lieuxenant-Commander E. C.

Talbot-Booth, director of the Ship Recognition Corps, and the book's author, asserts that the Soviet merchant fileet has two principal functions, the carriage of weapons and military equip-ment for overseas ventures, and its deployment for the purpose of economic warfare to be achieved by heavily undercut-ting freight rates.

Many of the merchant ships Many of the merchant supplement of the requirement. Far in excess of normal trading requirements. Navai officers and crew were known to serve in the merchant vessels, and the crews were largely interchangeable. Every unit had on board a political officer, among whose duties was the gathering of intelligence

The largest trawler and fishing fleets ever known roamed the oceaus. Among their task tions, shadow Nato warships, check on frequencies and radar and on underwater hydrophopic

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Tory leader

'iron lady' in

Soviet eyes

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition, seems to be in danger of losing her Sovier sou-briquer as "the iron lady".

She is not so dangerous as she

seemed to be to some of our friends ". Mr Daniel Kraminov,

leading Soviet commentator

on foreign affairs, said yester-day. "She is just a lady". Mr Kraminov, who was replying in London to questions

about the recent meeting arranged by the Great Britain-USSR Association in Edinburgh,

said, however, that certain circles still opposed détente. Criticism in the West of the

Soviet Union's attitude to human rights was a source of

ever-growing concern to the Soviet people. We call this criticism unfounded, unjustified

and not right. We see in this

criticism the desire of certain

circles to create an atmosphere which will hinder the develop-

ent of friendly relations be-tween capitalist and socialist

countries, and cast détente it-

The press in western countries treated as heroes people who were socially insignificant

no longer

OVERSEAS Mr Bhutto announces

his new Cabinet as rioting continues

From Our Correspondent Rawelpindi, March 30

Mr. Bhutto, the Pakisten Prime Minister, today an-nounced his new Cabinet of 22 constation: Mix ministers compared with the 18 in the pre-election Government He has dropped five members of the outgoing Cabiner, al-though all of them had been returned to the National Assembly. They include four accused of gross irregularities at the polls on March 7.

For the first time Mr Bhutto has appointed a Foreign Minister. Hitherto he has held the portfolio bimself, but now it goes to Mr Aziz Ahmad, formerly Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs. Mr Bhutto has not allocated the Defence and Home port-folios, and it is assumed he

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Opposition the National Assembly, has already rejected the Government offer for talks or suggestions on the conditions that would induce them to take their parliamentary sears. Most leaders of the alliance have been arrested.

The only special assistant nominated today was Mr Yusuf Buch, who comes back to government with the rank of minister of state. He is said to be the Prime Minister's principal adviser on foreign affairs and foreign publicity.

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Government have put under surveillance several former ministers and members of the

National Assembly activities were regarded as suspicious.

A Kerachi report said the police fired on a crowd today outside the Sind Assembly building, where the first session of the newly elected House was being held. Some persons were stated to have been injured though no report of any casuacties was immediately issued. The crowd, which was later

joined by an estimated 500 women, was protesting against the convening of the Assembly. holding that it was illegal and that its members had been unfairly elected earlier this month. Women have also been taking part in anti-Government demonstrations in Hyderabad 120 miles from Karachi for the

Podgorny

to war dead

Maputo, March 30.-President

The Soviet leader laid the

From Our Correspondent

Whites in South-West Africa

(Namibia) are to be asked in a

referendum on May 16 if they

support the plan for a mixed

interim government to lead the

The referendum proposal

was agreed late last night after a hour debate by more than

200 delegates at a congress in Windhoek of the ruling

The debate was held behind

closed doors but Mr Abraham

du Plessis, leader of the party

in the territory, who also heads the white delegation at

the Turnhalle constitutional talks, said afterwards the vote

was unanimous.
The South African Parlia-

ment is expected to hurry through legislation to enable

the interim government to be installed by mid-June. With it, South-West Africa's six seats in the Cape Town Parliament, all

held by Nationalists, will prob-

Zambia apology

correspondent

From Our Own Correspondent Lusaka, March 30

Mr Aaron Milner, Zambia's Minister of the Interior, today apologized personally to Mr Nicholas Ashford, southern Africa correspondent of The

Times, who was detained briefly

by the police last weekend. Mr Milner explained that the de-

tention was a result of mis-

taken identity.

Mr Ashford was held by the

police when he arrived at Lusaka eirport from Dar ex

Salaam to cover the visit to Zambia of President Podgorny.

of the Soviet Union. He was

released after 15 hours with-

to 'Times'

territory to independence by

Johannesburg, March 30

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last three days.

The Pakistan National Alliance of mine opposicion parties, which won 36 seats in the National Assembly, has al-

demonstrations et 100. The Government has reported far fewer deaths and has not published the number of those under arrest

The members of the new Pakistan Cabinet are:

Mr Bhutto Shaikh Mohammad Rashid Rana Mohammad Hanif Khan Mr Abdul Hafeez Pirzada

Mir Afzal Khan Mc Mumtaz Ali Bhutto Maulana Kausar Niazi

Mr Aziz Ahmad Mr Yahva Bakhtiar Syed Hamid Raza Gilani Mr Mohammad Haneef Mir Taj Mohammad Khan Jamali Mr Mohammad Yasin Watto Mr S. M. Masood Mr Abdul Sattar Gabol Mr Tahir Mohammad Khan Arbab Mohammad Jehangir Khan Malik Nur Hayat Khan Noon

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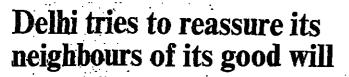
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From Richard Wigg Mr. Vajpayee repeated his Delhi, March 30 country's desire to see the Delhi, March 30

Mr. Vajpayee repeated his country's desire to see the Mr. Atal Vajpayee, India's Indian Ocean "freed of big Minister of External Affairs, power rivalry".

Today sought to reassure Pakistan and Bangladesh that Gandhi, the controversial son of the new Government would be making "sincere efforts" 13 develop cooperative relations. develop cooperative relations

Mr vajpayee press reception that he will he going with Mr Desai, the Prime Minister, to the forthcoming jubilee. Commonwealth. prime ministers' conference in London. The new Government will Parliament. continue to adopt the same policy on that," he said.

There should be no apprehension in Pakistan, he said, that the new Government would do something to reverse the process of normalization. He also hoped there would be an factory solution with Bangla-

Prime Minister, today resigned from the policy-making body of the defeated Congress Party. India Congress Committee has been accepted. Mr Gandhi, who

is 30, announced his retiremen

from active politics after fail-ing in his first attempt to enter In a letter to the party, he said: "As I have already announced that I do not intend to take part in active politics, I see no reason to continue as a member of the committee." His decision followed mounting pressure in the party to expendim. Mr Gandhi became one of y solution with Bangla- the most powerful politicians in of the Ganges water India during Mrs Gandhi's

emergency rule.—Reuter.

The Queen believes Crown still of use to Australia

Perth, March 30.—The shown to us wherever we have Queen told Australians in a been, and, if on occasions farewell message today that there has been a note of disshe believed the Crown could sent, that is what freedom of be of continuing use to their expression is all about-a free-

country.

In the message, released after she left here earlier for Britain at the end of a three-week tour of Australia, the Queen said she had noticed a new air of self-confidence and that the Crown can be of contralications. satisfaction emong Australians about their culture and way of

She referred to republican demonstrations during the visit the Prime Minister, and a by saying: "Kindness, loyalty crowd of more than 5,000.

dom sadly no longer enjoyed in many other countries.

tinuing service to Australia."

She was seen off at Perth airport by Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, Mr Fraser,

out any explanation being given why he had been detained.

In a letter banded to Mr Ashford, Mr Milner expressed his "sincere apologies" for the incident. He assured Mr Astrond he would always be welwelcome we have

US Navy loses jet 🕛

of further proliferation of nu-clear capability. the price of oil increases, nuclear power stations are the only way of ensuring sufficient power for industrial development. According to the Embassy, electricity consump-tion has been doubling every

overshot the aircraft carrier America and sank off the Vir-

come in Zambia. Norfolk, Virginia, March 30. A F14 fighter aircraft, worth about \$14.5m (about £8.5m)

by saving: "Kindness, loyalty and friendship have been Leading article, page 15 ginia coast. Sunny Arizona beckons mafiosi

New York, March 30 Most stories about the Mafia tend to concentrate on places like New York and Chicago, but according to an article in Newsday, the Long Island newspaper, many Maria figures have moved in the past few years to the sunnier climate of hoenix, Arizona, and are finding conditions there very much to their liking.

Phoenix has "a flourishing but disjointed network of organized crime operatives". Newsday reports. They are taking advantage of the city's recent rapid growth and of the fact that, as long as they con-centrate on such "victimless" crimes as gambling and prostitution, the police tend to leave them alone.

About three-quarters of the mafiosi have Chicago connexions, but there are some bright, New York-based hoodlums" moving in to challenge do all this partly because

Chicago guys", one of them is their block than a porno-quoted as saying. "Theyre graphic bookstore, and nothing but punks. We're gonna eat up the Chicago

The article is the latest in a series written by a team of

Arizona and published in newspapers across the country. One of the first in the series accused Senator Barry Goldwater of having close friendships with certain criminal figures, but the most recent one outlines what the Mafia is

up 10. It is moving in, it seems, to control Phoenix's network of "massage parlours", a eaphe-mism for brothels, and its pornusur for brothels, and its pornographic books and films. It
is taking a hand in the extensive illegal gambling on various sports, particularly for the traditional style of Mafia reporting, the article is full of names like Joseph (Papa Joe) Tocco, Frank (Frankie has Vocco, Frank various sports, particularly basketball and football.

There is also evidence, that, if the Phoenix police according to the article, of the Mafia's moving into legit the surface, it would find "a imate businesses, such as rar's nest of hoodiums".
various forms of entertzin. One of the pennie ment, music tapes, and rubbish collection. This is done by the classic methods of threats, vio-

lence and arson. The Mafia has been able to people usually are more condon't care for these cerned about a mugger on Phoenix, in fact, enjoys a reputation as a safe place to walk

he streets".

"That was strictly legit", he explained. "There's nothing the streets" is undermanned, and one of boodeg about a tape with no reporters about conditions in the senior police officers is music on it."

priority for him. we want Phoenix become a convention centre", he comments, "a sort of he comments, "a sort of Miami Beach of the South West, there is a feeling in the community that we have to offer visitors something more than zoos and sunshine."

and prostitution have a low

and James (Jimmy the Weasel) Fratianno. It comments were disposed to dig beneath independence. One of the people the reporters met was Robert (Fat

describe as a colourful but dangerous local mobster. Amuso appeared at the Caravan Inn in a black threepiece suit, black shirt, white tie, sunglasses, slicked hair, and a Fu Manchu moustache." He explained that one of his specialities was selling tapes without any music on them.

Louis) Amuso, whom

wreath at a simple stone mem-orial close to Maputo airport and stood to attention during a minute's silence for the dead. Min Podgorny, who arrived here yesterday on the last leg of an African tour which has already taken him to Tanzania and Zambia, later held his second round of talks with Podgarry of the Soviet Union today laid a wreath at a mon-ment to Frelimo guerrillas who President Machel of Mozambique, who was not present at this morning's ceremony.

At a banquet in honour of the Soviet leader last night, Mr Machel said there was "an died in the long independence war against Portuguese rule in Much of the Soviet Union's high prestige here stems from its consistent support and arming of African nationalist guerimperialist plan to create a military block in the southern Arkentic and a plan to furnish the racists in Pretoria with the rillas, including those who fought against Portugal before independence 21 months ago, equipment for nuclear war". In his speech Mr Podgorny said, it would help international

Namibia whites to hold referendum on

explain the issues to the terri-tory's 120,000 whites.

other racial groups in the Turnhalle talks will consult their people is being left to them, but some black leaders, notably those from the self-governing. Restrictions of

unnecessary and all that is

needed is for independence to be achieved as soon as pos-

The Turnhalle has set December 31, 1978, as the tar-

get date and it is expected that

then. The election will not be under United Nations supervi-sion, which means that it will-

be boycotted by the South West African Peoples' Organi-

zation (Swapo) which is recog-nized by the world body as the

sole political representative of

By Our Foreign Staff

The Brazilian Government

The Brazilian Embassy in

London emphasized vesterday that the country's interest in

the acquisition of eight reac-

tors, a uranium enrichment

plant and a reprocessing plant,

worth £3,000m when the con-tract with West Germany was

signed in 1975, was purely to

The new American Adminis-

tration wants to see the con-tract cancelled, not only

because it is unsure of Brazil's

future intentions, but as a

eliminary to the prevention

The Brazilians argue that, as

seven years and, given the pro-spect of further sharp in-creases, possibilities for the de-

velopment of hydro-electric power generation will be exhausted during the next 10

ensure future energy supplies.

has reacted vigorously to sug-

gestions that it is buying nuclear technology because it of further proliferation of nuclear capability.

ably be abolished and a new formula for the 18-member legislative assembly in Windhoek, again all Nationalists, will most likely be drawn up.

sole political representative of the people of the country.

Swapo has already given warning that it will use all the means at its disposal to stop

general election will be held South-West Africa before

How the leaders of the 10

multi-racial move to independence

of nuclear weapons. "In this context, any assistance to the racists of South Africa in their attempts to obtain the means to create nuclear potential is absolutely unacceptable."

Maputo is the closest he has come to South Africa during his tour, and Mr Machel told him : You are welcome to the frontiers between Africa which is building the bases for social-ism, and Africa chained by imperialism. You are welcome to a combat trench which extends the liberated zone of humanity." Castro stay: Dr Castro, the

Cuban leader stayed on in Angola today after completing the programme of his official visit to the country, where thousands of his troops fought detente if Africa could be free in the civil war.

Mr du Plessis told a mid-night news conference: "Some

delegates at the congress felt

that the road ahead was open and that the cost and work

associated with a referendum

would be unnecessary. But we do not want to leave any doubt

brown groups that we are with

The congress also accepted

Pretoria badly needs to be

able to show the United

Nations, particularly countries such as Britain, France and

the United States, which have

used their vetoes to prevent

South Africa for its refusal to quit South-West Africa, that

the process of self-determi-nation is taking place success-

It can help to prove its sin-

the Brazilians feel that nuclear

power, with the capability of reprocessing nuclear fuel so as

to be independent of the polit-

nations, is essential to the con-tinuing development of their

In reply to criticisms that the Brazilians see themselves

as nuclear-armed leaders of Latin America in the twenty-

first century, the Brazilian Government points to the fact

that Brazil has signed all the

principal treaties regarding nuclear weapons, including that

covering the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America, the Treaty of Tlate-loko, in 1966. The nuclear

powers have refrained from signing it in spite of the fact that the treaty provides for it. Brazil has refused to sign

the international treaty on the

weapons on the ground that it

In defence of the West Ger-

man agreement, it says: "The

agreement signed with the Federal Republic of Germany,

and the safeguards agreement which Brazil and Germany

signed with the International

Atomic Energy Agency, established a system of controls which exceed the safeguard

discriminatory against

non-proliferation of

poorer countries.

years. requirements contained in the Given the unreliability of treaty on the non-proliferation the pricing and supply of oil, of nuclear weapons.

sanctions being imposed

that changes would have to be made within the territory's

them.

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industry.

Brazil resents accusations

of nuclear ambitions

National Party.

Dr Castro, who arrived in Luanda on March 23, spent yesterday resting with President Neto, the radio said

Dr Castro, who earlier visited Tanzania and Mozambique, cancelled a scheduled trip to Zam-bia on Monday because it would have clashed with President Podgorny's visit.—Reuter. Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes; Cuban troops in

southern Angola are reported to be leading an all-our offen-sive against forces of the pro-Western Unita movement and hundreds of Angolan refugees are said to be fleeing into southwest Africa.
The latest fighting is believed

to have been concentrated in an area north of Oikokola, about 10 miles from Omungwelum in the Ovambo "homeland".

President Podgorny and President Kaunda of Zambia toast each other at State House, Lusaka, at the end of the Soviet leader's four-day visit. Many of the refugees arriving at Omungwelume are wounded. They claim that during the past two days more then 1,000 civilians have been killed by Cuban, Angolan Government and South West African

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ports Unita.

Chief Minister of Ovambo, said today that Ovambo had already absorbed 10,000 refugees from Angola. He appealed to the Red Cross and other relief organizations to aid the home land in coping with renwed influx.

Israeli Arabs remember last year's land riots

From Eric Marsden

dent of a decisive "yes" vote expect Swapo guerrillas to step in the referendum. More than up a campaign of intimidation 60 meetings are to be held aimed at whites in the terriduring the next few weeks to Jerusalem, March 30 Galilee was mostly quiet on the anniversary of "land day" when six Israeli Arabs were killed last year, but there were clashes with troops and police in the occupied West Bank in a few brief violent protests and an almost total business and school strike.

The worst incidents were in Hebron, where tension was already high because of anger among Arabs over alleged pregoverning Bantustans of that the whites support the Ovambo, Kavango and East Turnhalle conference and we Caprivi, feel a referendum is want to assure the black and ferential treatment given by the authorities to the small-community of Jewish settlers at the nearby fortified estate of Kiryat Arba. A bomb was exploded at the Jewish settlers' restaurant in the centre of Hebron, smashing windows but

causing no injuries.

About 500 schoolchildren demonstrated, throwing stones at security forces who charged

to disperse them. In Ramallah and Al Bireh, north of Jerusalem, about 200 students burnt tyres in the street and threw stones at troops, but order was quickly restored. The two towns observed a total strike of shops and offices and schools closed

cerity if the ties between the National Party in South Africa National Party leaders in the interim government being and South-West Africa are South-West Africa are conficestablished. Security chiefs severed. Nablus was almost deserted ecause of a commercial strike. Shops were quickly opened in east Jerusalem, where all hotels are full with visitors for the Passover and Easter festivals. Some traders had been threatened with arrest if they

ms has caused divisions among Israel Arabs. Those who tories and the shop owned by have sold their land have been Mr Elias Freij, the mayor, criticized by the Arab land remained closed but, as the tourist buses rolled in to Manger Square, other someone shops opened up for trade.

Heavy reinforcements troops and police had been brought into towns and villages in Arab areas of Israel and on the West Bank yesterday. Preventive arrests were made in some areas.

Armoured cars were rioned at points along Jerusalem-Ramallah road and at strategic points inside the towns. Troops were posted on the battlements of Jerusalem's walls and armed patrols jostled with tourists in the alleys of the old city.

· Church bells tolled in Nazareth and other Galilee towns at noon in memory of the demon-strators killed last year and a minute's silence was observed, but memorial rallies passed off peacefully. In Muslim areas sermons were preached in mos-ques in honour of the dead. Work went on as usual and

shops were open. The violence last March was precipitated by the Israeli Government's decision to expro-priate 1,500 acres of land near Arab villages to build Jewish estates. The expropriations were denounced by Arab councils and the Committee for the

Protection of Arab Lands. After the riots the Government postponed implemen-tation of the expropriations, but the Lands Administration has since bought nearly half the area involved by paving prices far higher than the mar-ket value of the land.

of principle and of safeguard-ing "the Arab homeland'.

S African arms spending up 21% in deflationary Budget

From Our Correspondent

Cape Town, March 30
South Africa's defence spending is to be increased by 21 per cent to 1,654m rands (£910m) the Minister of Finance, Senator Owen Horwood, said in his Budget state- balance of payments deficit ment this afternoon. The Budget has been described as strongly deflationary by economists, although there were no increases in personal income Senator Horwood said rising

prices abroad were partly to blame for the defence increase, which is somewhat smaller than expected.
In his Budget last year, the minister earmarked 1,350m rands for defence, nearly double the figure for 1974

The Budger reflects the Government's determination to reduce the 1,515m rands deficit on balance of payments and to servative" budget. curb inflation. Senator Hor- Business of

wood announced measures to tighten up exchange controls and gave an assurance that the police were taking steps to counter large-scale currency smuggling out of the country.

The minister attributed the The mainly to cyclical factors, but d as also to uncertainty about polit-

ical factors in southern Africa—which had led to an increase in defence spending and a reduction in the inflow of foreign capital—the decline in the price of gold, and the increase in the oil price. He made it clear that the

entire emphasis of financing would be aimed at improving South Africa's balance of payments position. He said the country was approaching the final stages of a steady economic downturn and that it could now look forward to an economic recovery. It was a "con-

Peoples' Organization (Swapo) units, and whole villages razed by artillery, rocket and mortar The refugees are people of the Kwanyama tribe which sup-Pastor Kornelius Ndjoba, the

and sometimes even criminals, at the same time supporting the anti-Soviet position of these people.

Although the round table was described by Soviet delegates in London yesterday as a suc-cess, the main task being to improve Anglo-Soviet relations,

self in doubt.

it was clear that both sides interpret détente quite differ-Opposing what he described as "interference" in Soviet affairs, Professor Zifs, of the Moscow Institute of Law, said that it was preferable that other represents should not take it. governments should not take it

upon themselves to deal with implementation in the Soviet Union of the final act of the Helsinki conference.
Implementation could not be achieved in one or two days. "It is a permanent, continuous, positive realization of these measures", he explained. The process presumed the cooperation of all the partners, and that was why the conference on

security and cooperation was President Carter receiving Mr Vladimir: Bukovsky (the Soviet dissident) at the White House was a psychological issue, which people in the Soviet Union interpreted negatively, as

a kind of interference. The round table agreed to arrange for more contacts between British and Soviet lawyers and journalists, the holding of a Scotland week in a Soviet city in 1978, and increased support for organiza-tions and individuals working in education, particularly Russian and English-language students and teachers.

Sadat tour of West for support From Our Correspondent

Cairo, March 30 President Sadat of Egypt sets out tomorrow on a tour of

three major Western countries for crucial talks on Middle East peace prospects.

His trip comes after intensive international efforts to

speed up Middle East peace moves, including the resumption of the Geneva conference which the Arabs want to be held as soon as possible. It last met briefly and inconclusively in December, 1973.

The tour is also expected to emphasize Egypt's determination to confinue its present cordial relations with the West, the main pillar of Presi-

dent Sadat's policy.

The Egyptian leader's talks in Bonn, his second visit within a year, will be a follow-up to his talks in Cairo with Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West Carman Horsign the West German Foreign Minister, two mouths ago. Egypt wants West Germany

to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and favours its participation in a resumed Geneva conference,
After his Bonn visit Mr.
Sadat will spend a day in Paris

for talks with President Giscard d'Estaing.

During his stay in Washington, the highlight of President Sadat's tour, he will hold talks with President Carter for the

first time. Mr Sadat has described as positive and encouraging President Carter's recent remarks about the Mid-

French policy on Diibouti angers Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, March 30 .-Ethiopia's military Government today attacked France bitterly for political sabotage, intrigue and conspiracy in trying to extend its influence over Djibouti, its last colonial possession on mainland Africa, after

In a leading article, the offi-cial daily Addis Zemen alleged that France was deliberately obstructing the territory's accession to genuine independence to serve the cause of imperialism and its own neocolonialist ambitions.

It dismissed the round-table conference in Paris as a "private dinner party", organized for the benefit of the African People's Independence League, which it described as a lackey of the French Government.—Agence France-

Polisario guerrillas show off their prisoners From Bachir Sahel Western Sahara, March 30 The Polisario Front, the Monday night's meeting took the Moroccao Air Force, place in a wilderness of sand remarked: "For me, the war

Western

Western Saharan guerrilla movement, has provided proof of its recent claims that its forces are causing serious problems for the Moroccan and Mauritanian occupying forces. On Monday night the organization paraded 52 Moroc-

can and Mauritanian prisoners and some of the weapons captured in recent weeks in opertions not only in the Western Sahara, but also in southern Morocco and northern Mauri-Polisario, which is backed by

Algeria, is fighting for the independence of the the independence phosphate-rich former Spanish Sahara, partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania early last year. Polisario bas declared indepedence unilaterally and its government has been recognized by a small num-ber of states belonging to the Organization of African Unity.

dunes about 19 miles south of Tindouf, Algeria, near the tract runs out in two years." frontiers of Morocco, Mauri Among the other 18 Mo tania and Western Sahara.

The Mauritanian and Moroccan prisoners, some of them still with bandages on their wounds, were at first overawed by the group of Western journalists, but the meeting soon developed into a gathering in which it was difficult to dist-inguish the PoWs from the unarmed guerrilla guards.

The prisoners answered questions with smiles. Idrissi Amine, a Moroccan pilot, caused general hilarity as he explained how his Spanish-built transport reconnaissance aircraft shot down on February 28 in southern Morocco, between Tan Tan and Tarfaya, as be flew to the aid of a Moroccan military convoy being attacked by the guerrillas. The pilot, who said he was a

is over. In any case my con-

prisoner with his company sergeaut-major and nine privates on March 15 in the Aguerguer region, near Dakhla (formerly Villa Cisneros), in Mauritanian Sahara.

The 33 Mauritanian prisoners. mostly Africans, were captured this month during two operations, one in the Aguerguer area and the other at Tichi, northern Mauritania.

Lieutenant Rahu, who was trained in France, said he had been surprised by the fighting capacity of the guerrillas when they ambushed a joint Moroccan-Mauritanian force during a mopping-up operation in the Aguerguer area on March 15.

Sergeant Laid Ben Said, of te Mauritanian National The priot, who said he was a the Mauritanian National machine French-trained instructor in Guard, described three opera- Presse.

tions in which he took part before his capture on March 15. In the first, in November ract runs out in two years." at Argoud, 30 Mauritanian soldiers were killed, 15 wounded. can prisoners was Lieutenant one taken prisoner and 15 Muhammad Rahu, taken vehicles destroyed. On vehicles destroyed. On December 15 in the Aguergues area, the Mauritanians lost 11 dead and on February 5 "we lost many dead and 20 captured ". Like many

troops from the Rosso area near Senegal, Sergeant Ben Said complained of racias discrimination, saying that most officers were Arab Mauri

Most of the captured wea-pons were rifles of American, Spanish, French and Belgian manufacture, but there were also machineguns, French-made RPG7 anti-tank rockets and mortars on display, together with assembled jeeps mounted either with Spanish 120mm recoilless cannon or 30mm machineguns.—Agence France-

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Football

Brady scores the only goal in a victory that belongs to Giles

lifts them into second place above Bulgaria in group five.

Brady raised the Republic of Ireland's hopes by scoring after. 10 minutes. It stemmed from a free kick by John Giles, awarded for a foul on Daly by Tusseau. France only partially cleared the ball and Brady burst through, mopposed, to slip a left-foot shot under the advancing Rey.

It was the start the Irish wanted and they nearly scored a second 18 minutes later. Giles, outstanding in his record-breaking 48th international, unleashed a 35 yard left-foot drive which camnoned back off the crossbar. Givens, challenged by a defender, won the race for the rebound but headed over.

On the rare occasions the headed over.

On the rare occasions the French threatened, they found Kearns in fine form. He pushed an attempt by Rouyer into the side netting and, seconds before half time, brilliamly palmed out a curving free kick from Bathenay.

Ireland 1 France 0

The Republic of Ireland to trevenge for their defeat in France by wisming 1—0 in the World Cup qualifying the at Lansdowne Road yesterday. The two points lifts them into second place above Bulgaria in group five.

Brady raised the Republic of Ireland's hopes by scoring after 10 minutes. It stemmed from a tree kick by 10hp Giase availed.

At the other end, a mistake by

At the other end, a mistake by Mulligan put the Irish in trouble before O'Leary arrived to beat Platini with a desperate diving tackle. There were one or two ugly moments, one player from each side being booked, Rio for a foul on Givens and Daly for

poori, S., Rengers, S., Rengers, S., Rengers, Rev.; Innvion, Tusseatt, Franchetzan, S., Sangers, Retere E., Linemayr (Austria).

Greenhoff and Pearson likely to be fit

Brian Greenhoff and Stuart
Pearson, who have been on a fiveday break in Spain with the
Manchester United team, are
Mikely to play at Norwich on
Saturday, Both had to drop out
of the England party for the
Luxembourg game because of
injury.

The dispute at Plymouth between the manager. Tony Waiters.

tween the manager, Tony Waiters, yesterday no statement was and his directors, has taken a new issued. But the club secretary, twist with the first team coach, Graham Little, said the question Michael Kelly, saying he wants to of sackings or resignations had stay, but only with the present not been discussed.

Money speaks in debate on where to play

stage of the South American World Cup qualifying contest, disagreement has spring up over who should stage the triangular elimination matches. Peru beat Chile 2-0 at the weekend to join Brazil and Bolivia in the final stage, which will guarantee two of the sides a place in the finals in Argentina next year.

Brazil opened the bidding for the privilege of holding the com-petition by offering their rivals \$50,000 a match to play at the 165,000-capacity Maracano Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, a bid which was promptly doubled by the Bolivian football authorities.

Technically, the play-off should e on neutral territory, but this de can be waived if all finalists are in agreement. Peru have re-jected both their rivals' offers and intend to demand a neutral venue-The Venezuelan Football Federation have offered to pay the three finalists \$100,000 each to play in neutral Venezuela, according to the

But the argument is unlikely to champions. Their only win was be settled before the next meeting of the South American Pootball Confederation at Bogotá on May 27, and sports commentators here think Argentina, hosts of next

Buenos Aires, March 29.—With year's finals, are the most likely year's finals, are the most fixely to stage the triangular event.

Of the three finalists, Bolivia were the only ones who had a consistent lead from the start of the 18-march series. The Bolivians scored six goals in winning their first three matches coversing first three matches, conceding only one. They dropped one point away to Uruguay last Sunday in a game that could have no effect on the outcome.

Brazil, the triple world champions, were struggling at the beginning, but recovered after changing managers in mid-series. Even so the South America foot-ball giants could only manage a 1-1 draw at home against Paraguay, but the mint assured them of a Chile and Peru jostled neck and neck in group three, with the Chileans one point ahead before Saturday's deciding game. The Peruvians scored two goals in the second half to flaish with six points against Chile's with six

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points against Chile's five and a place in the next round.

The most disappointed side in the series must have been Uruguay, who are former world

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Yesterday champions of the world, today overruled at home

Munich's elimination from the European Cup could herald important changes in West German football. Bayern, the winners of Europe's top club tropby for the past three years and also the reigning world club champions, are at the crossroads. Stars are aging and no re-placements of equal talent are on the horizon. Defeated by the Ukrainians of Dinamo Kiev in the European Cup, Bayern have also been knocked out of the West German Cup and are currently only sixth in the League.

only sixth in the League.

They are still not certain of playing in even the Uefa Cup next season. World Cup players such as Franz Beckenbauer, their captain, Gerd Müller and Sepp Maier could be out of European club competition for the first time in five years. They have hear in Europe since have been in Europe since Bayern last won the West German League in 1972.

League in 1972.

Bayern, who won the World Club Cup last December by beating the South American champions, Cruzeiro Belo Horizonte of Brazil, badiy miss Gerd "Bomber" Müller, who has scored more than 580 goals for his club and country in 13 seasons with Bayern. He underwent surgery in February to cure a back nerve attend. At 31 he is still vital to the backbone of the team.

playing for West Germany the 1974 World Cup victory after the 1974 World Cup victory but he has been in remarkable form this season, enduring the pain from his injury to score 20 League goals before February. Paying such players will be a bigger headache than ever for Bayern. It costs DMIm (£244,600) a month to run the club. Wages total DM700,000 (£170,000).

Beckenbauer, who captains the Beckenbauer, who captains the national side, is also 31. He is reported to be paid DM400,000 (£98,000) a year but his total income, including fees from advertising, is probably more than twice as much.

The club president, Wilhelm The club president, Wishelm Neudecker, a milionaire building contractor, says that Bayern's revenue will drop by at least DMim next season if they do not qualify for Europe. However, at the moment when they should be cutting costs, Bayern are looking for at least two experienced—and probably expensive—players to

This season the Baverians brought into the side several year before. The experiment failed. Beckenbauer, last season's West German player of the year and a tower of strength for Bayeru, warned: "Now we have to spend money on a couple of tried and tested players, other-



Promotion for the captain: Franz Beckenbauer, worth more than £11m to Bayern Munich, is to become the assistant manager of West Germany when he ends his playing career.

wise we will become a second-The club was once proud of finding its own talent—Beckenbauer, Miller and Maier all began their careers there. But this season, reserves called in to replace injured first feam members such as Uli Höness, Bernd Durnberger, Franz Rom and Miller, have not shone. Eshan Onal, a young Turk, Peter Grüber and Rainer Künkel have all struggled.

gled.
Celebrities such as Beckenbauer,
inter-Celebrities such as Beckenbauer, Müller and a promising international winger Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who are all accustomed to success, may be content to say with a side no longer at the top because most have been with Bayern for all of their playing days. However, foreign clubs might tempt some of them. Last September Bayern turned down an offer worth Dm6m (£1,460,000) from Paris St Germain, of France, for Beckenbauer.

for Beckenbauer,
The West German Football
Association has said that Beckenbauer, who has played in more
than 100 internationals, will become the assistant manager of the national side when his play-ing career ends. Speculation that he might eventually be put in charge of the team was not denied. Some critics saw the statement

or have lost the recognition of the

International Olympic Committee

International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The resolution, passed by 35 votes to 19 with 36 reported abstentions, was obviously directed at New Zealand and other countries who have maintained sporting links with South Africa. Assembly sources said the resolution, the most controversial of the meeting, prompted a lively debate. Several countries, including Australia, doubted that such a ban could be enforced.

The resolution and others passed by the general assembly will be put to the IOC executive board at a joint meeting with the committees tomorrow and on Friday.

Earlier yesterday the assembly

Earlier yesterday the assembly manimously passed another Nigerian resolution—proposing that the word "colour" be added to the

Crowds at Bayern's games fell after their European Cup defeat. Just over 20,000 were in their Olympic Stadium, with a capacity of 70,000, on Saturday to watch them scrape a 1.0 win over Werder Bremen. Their average gate is well over 30,000.

over 30,000.

Competition for Munich football supporters could become stiffer next season because Bayern's rivals, 1860 Munich, are in line for promotion to the first division. The decline of Bayern may also have a psychological effect on the national side, strugging to find the form which brought them the World Cup in 1974.

Beckenbauer, Maier, Rummenigge, Höness and Georg Schwarzenbeck the centre half, are key members of the West German side and all could be short of top, level match practice if Bayern fail to qualify for Europe. But Bayern officials and players, piblicly at least, remain calm.

"We were eliminated from European competitions in 1968 and we still didn't sink. Even if we don't reach the Uefa Cup this season, there will be no panic," their business manager, Robert Schwan, said last week. Beckenbauer added that the defeat by Dinamo Kiev "is no reason for bursting into tears, We have to look forward".

Abraham Ordia, who master-minded the African walkout at the Montreal Olympics, said that

determined than ever to boycott sports events involving New Zea-land. "There is little chance that

Africans will compete in the track-and-field World Cup at Düsseldorf in September, or the Commonwealth Games in Canada text year", he said in an interview. "It is entirely up to New Zealand."

Mr Ordia, president of the

African nations clear New sports plans for the first hurdle nations have cleared a first hurdle in their determined effort to have countries maintaining sporting links with South Africa suspended from the Olympic movement. The general assembly of the National Olympic Committees (NOCS) ended a two-day meeting here last night by approving a Nigerian resolution to bar Olympic countries from competing with nations who have either been suspended or have lost the recognition of the

Plans were ethnomiced yesterthe before
The in the six in against we international sports package presented by BBC radio. The programme started at 8.2 pm on Radio 2 yesterday with live coverage of the World Cup match at Wembley, with analysis by Denis Law and commentary by Peter Jones and Bryon Butler.

World Pagin 2 will stay open all night

Radio 2 will stay open all night for special coverage of all four British Lions' matches direct from New Zealand; and Radio 2 histeners will be able to stay up late to hear "Hye" commentary from

teners will be able to stay up late to hear "live" commentary from South America in June on all three of England's football internationals against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

The former English cricket captain, Tony Lewis, will launch a new Saturday morning sports magazine programme on April 30 as part of the new weekend look to Radio 4; Lewis is also joining the Test match special team on Radio 3 for ball-by-ball coverage of all five Test matches

age of all five Test matches against Australia.
Stirling Moss will be in the radio team for "live" commentary on the British Grand Prix at Silversinne; Christine James will again be in the Wimbledon tennis line-up; and the Olympic gold medeslists, Mary Perers and Anna Lonsbrough, will join the commentary teams for all the major athletics and swimming events.

Royal visit part

of Wimbledon

centenary plans

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will make their first visit to Wimbledon for 15 years when they artend this year's championships on July 1 to present the trophy to the winner of the women's singles. This visit is part of Wimbledon's centenary celebrations.

ary plans yesterday, the chairman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Bur-nett, revealed that many of Wim-nett past winners have accep-ted an invitation to attend.

Before the traditional opening on June 20, the former winners

on June 20, the former winners will step once more on to the centre court to be presented with centenary medals by the Duke of Keut, the president of the All England Club. Some who have said they will be there are Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet, René Lacoste and Jacques Brugnon, four Frenchmen who reigned supreme between 1924 and 1929,

Also present will be Elisworth Vines, said by many to have played the greatest Wimbledon final in 1933, and Donald Budge,

played the greatest Wimbledon final in 1933, and Donald Budge, both outstanding American champions before the war. Among the previous champions will be Louise Brough Clapp, Margarer Osborne du Pont, Doris Hart and Shirley Fry Irvin who dominated the women's game in the 1950s.

Others present will be Alice Marble (1939) and Bilizabeth Ryan, who won the first of her 19 doubles tisles in 1912. With Billie Jean King, she holds the record number of Wimbledon titles. British Wimbledon wanners who will be on parade are Khny Godfree, Dorothy Little, Angela Barrett, Ann Jones and Fred Perry,

The Duke of Kent will open the new museum on May 19. Among many souvenirs to go on sale for the centenary will be a medal struck in plutonium and priced at £675. There will also be a book mark, costang 10p.

Tennis

Mr Ordia, president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, demands that the New Zealand Government break off their sports relations with South Africa and deny visas to South Africa sportsmen. This was the issue that led to 28 African countries pulling their athletes out at Montreal last summer. There are signs of a division among the Africans. Lamine Diack, a Senegal delegate and president of the African Athletic Confederation, said clearly that Africa would enter a team word "colour" be added to the Olympic rule banning discrimination. At present the rule, article three of the Olympic code, stipulates that there should be no discrimination against any country or person "on grounds of race, religion or politics". End of one chapter and

the start of another

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

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Tennis Correspondent

For British tennis, yesterday marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Dewar's, the whisky company who have withdrawn from sponsorship after: mhe years and 35 tournaments, gave a farewell inncheon to their closest tennis associates. The occasion was convivial but the heading on the menu—"Dewar Cup, 1968 to 1976"—read like an epitaph. In the evening, though, as if by some rapid process of resurrection, the game was reborn under new management at Earls Court, where it had never before been played. Six years ago Mark Cox, of Stitain, lost the first match of the first World Championship Tennis circuit. As if showing a reluctant respect for historic parallels, he also lost the first match played at Earls Court, Vitas Gerulaitis, a New Yorker, whose peripheral pleasures include the possession of two Rolls-Royces ("I want to support the British economy"), beat him 6—0, 2—6, 6—4. Cox lost the first seven games, won eight of the next nine, led 2—0 in the third set, but was eventually frustrated by the lob, with which Gerulaitis had teased him throughout the match.

The 10,000 seats were rather more than the occasion demanded, particularly as its promotion was restricted to six weeks. The place had cavernous echoes. The spectators were too far from the court and some, indeed, spent part of the evening exploring a maze of staircases and corridors, none of which seemed to lead anywhere interesting. Way up in the air, doubless engaged in some necessary function, a man was poised in a large box suspended on wires as if viewing the proceedings from a balloon's observation car. The arena was yest, cool, darkly intinidating. The players looked like pot-holers who had been out of the sun too long.

The court was slow, the bounce low. Cox said it was basically a serve-volley count, rather like The court was slow, the bounce low. Cox said it was basically a serve-volley court, rather like

damp grass. He and Gerulaits agreed that the short ball was effective. "It's so cold", Gerulaits said. "The balls are heavy and don't rise. It's dead." Cox had two break points in the first game: But for half an hour he spent too much time at the back of the court and did not move well there. Then he began to go forward and play short; and gradually, if precariously, took command. He was serving for a 3—1 lead in the third set. But Gerulaitis broke back with the help of a shot that was both good Gerulaitis broke back with the help of a shot that was both good and lucky. In the tenth game Gerulaitis broke through again for the match, winning the first and last points of that game with lobs—tempting shots in the altitude of of Earls Court.

The trip to the dressing room from the court was a long and involved exercise in route finding, rather like descending a mountain by means of fortuous internal recesses. But players of this experience have acquired a homing instinct more familiar in dogs and pigeons. They can suffi out a tennis court at any distance.

The next to do so were Harold regions. They can some our a tennis court at any distance.

The next to do so were Harold Solomon and John Alexander. They had longer rallies than Corand Gerulaitis, which will surprise no one who knows the way Solomon inps about and plays tennis when he has time to do it well. Solomon is so quick to the ball that he can usually spare a moment to examine it closely—as if searching for buga—before putting his weight behind it. Frustrating Alexander's heavier game, he won 6-2, 6-4.

By the time Eddie Dibbs and Adriano Panatin emerged to excite us with the time-honoured clash between fighter and boxer, Dibbs winning 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, two things were already clear. Tennis is the same game wherever it is played—and though Earls Court may not be ideal, it is certainly different.

The ninety-first Beckenham tennis tournament will take place from May 30 to June 4 at the Beckenham Cricket Club.

Roll up Bayern's map of Europe | China win with clinical efficiency but leave no sense of theatre

By Richard Streeton
China retained the Corbillon
Cup for women's teams at the
world table-tennis championship,
sponsored by Norwich Union,
when they beat South Korea 3—0
at Birmingham yesterday without
dropping a game. That bare
straightforward fact summarizes a
final marked by cinical efficiency
and superb skill by the winners
in a match, however, that lacked
the drama, fluctuations and tension witnessed at previous world
championships.

Nobody would wish to detract one ious from the marvellous ability of the two Chinese girls, Chang Li and Chang Te-Ying, But the feeling that they were always in complete and utter control inevitably robbed the occasion of the course of these solutions. inevitably robbed the occasion of any sense of theatre always present on the truly memorable sporting occasions.

The South Korean players, Lee Ailesa and Chung Hyun Sook, in fact, each took a game to dence. The feeling, however, was never absent that China could dictate the factics and suarch decision points. tactics and snatch decisive points

It was significant that China's atroitness and supremacy over-tame the 8,000 trowers traditional English support for the under-dogs. They backed the Chinese endlessly and gave them an over-whelming ovation at the presenta-rion ceremony. ion ceremony.

tion ceremony.

Throughout the match there were few lengthy rallies; short, highly syluning services, from both teams, usually ruled the exchanges, often completed with spectacular third-ball smashes. The South Koreans had less trouble than most in handling the Crinese services, even if they succumbed at crucial moments to the unreadable twists and turns imparted even from defensive positions, Overall, the match confirmed how far the Europeans are behind the Orientals.

In the first singles, the left-

behind the Orientals.

In the first singles, the left-handed Chang Li won 21—10, 22—20 and the main interest tame with Chang serving 4—5 down in the second game and being shown the blue card, meaning the impire could not spot whether she was serving in full compliance with law's requirements. The impire again spoke to her on her next service and the crowd jeered the official, who whether he was right or wrong was clearly in their view disturbing an artist's performance. Chang pointedly showed the impire the ball in the palm of her hand several fines on her next few services. Lee fought

her hand several filmes on her next few services. Lee fought courageously from 7—13 behind to 20—20 before she first netted a remira and then on Chang's service missed a lightning flick to her backhand.

Chang Te-Ving seemed to make harder work in beating Chang 23—21, 21—13, often missing with her attempted smashes to her opponent's forehand. In the

Hungary in their opening section.

A realistic appraisal is that England's mainly young women's team have shown no falling

away.

Mirs Hammersley, who wonboth her singles and the doubles with Linda Howard against Hongkong, plans a six-week holiday after these championships. Whether she remains in table termis long enough to participate in the 1979 world championships.

Corbillon Cup

doubles, too, Chang Te-Ying seemed the weaker that before given constant advice by Chang Li throughout the rapidly completed match between the same lour girls, China winning Zi-17. Zi-16.

From the usual deadgen Chinese press conference afterwards, one gathered through an interpreter that China had were pleased that this time they had won 3-0 as opposed to 3-2 against the same opponents two years ago. The rest-of us suspect that any two girls from the 19. Strong Chinese women's team here would still flave schileved comprehensive victory.

England's women finished seventh in the Curbilion Cup's final standings after beating match, and England's men gained teich place overall in the Swaything Cup.

For the women this represented a drop of two places on paper, compared with the last world championships, though in reality the struggle for fifth to eighth places can often be determined in eitwace by the original draws composition which is based on the last world championships.

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Yesterday's results

Rugby Union

Locks hold Welsh doubt

Gosforth, the John Player Cup holders, will be at full strength for their semi-final round tie against London Welsh at Old Deer Park on Saturday.

Officials said a Swedish resolution, which would allow two or
more cities to stage Olympic
games, was dropped for the time
being after a tie in the vote.
Sweden planned to seek the right
to stage the 1984 winter Games
if their proposal had been accepted. the officials said:
The sources said delegates, felt
that, while the idea had its merits,
intricate problems were bound to
arise from it and had to be investigated. koger briefy, the England cap-tain and now a British Lion, will lead the side. Last Sathrday was his first game since injuring his back against Wales. "It's the strongest side we can put in the field", Barry de Zwaan, a club official, said. Gosforth are favourites to retain the cup. Their team is: B. Patrick; S. Archer, K. Bratten, H. Patrick, S. Gustard; R. Breakey, G. Walter, D. Madeen

Autrick, S. Gistard; R. Brezkey, M. Young; C. White, D. Madsen, A. Cutter, T. Roberts, J. Hedley, P. Dixon, D. Robinson, R. Uttley. Loudon Welsh are almost certain to have their locks, Christopher Howcroft and Michael Roberts available. White to D. tain to have their locks, Christopher Howcroft and Michael Roberts, available. "Mike is 90 per cent certain and Howcroft 99 per cent certain and Howcroft 99 per cent certain", Geoff Evans, a club spokesman, said yesterday.

Roberts has been troubled by damaged ligaments in his right leg and Howcroft suffered an eye injury last week. Roberts trained on Tuesday night and will have a final test at sonight's training session.

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Tuesday because he had a patch
over the eye. His doctor assured
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Alun Lewis returns at scrum half after a trip to Bermuda. There are two changes from the side which won at Moseley in the quarter-finel: Young at prop, in place of John Deacon, and festyn Thomas booking instead of John Smith.

The Weish are expecting a crowd of about 8,000, which has been matched at Old Deer Park only by the visit of Cardiff on the morning of an England-Wales international. The team is: G. Fuller; C. F. W. Rees, K. Hughes, J. L. Shanklin, R. Ellis-Jones; W. N. Beinnett, A. Lewis; S. Young, I. Thomas, B. Adsm., M. G. Roberts, C. Howcroft, S. Warlow, J. Manfield, J. Taylor. Saracens, who travel to Water-loo in the other semi-finel, will be without Peter Cadle, their best wing. He has been frombled by a humstring injury for several weeks. Saracens are so short of wings-Russell Rogers and Hywell Griffiths are also injured—that they have had to move Peter Worsfold out of the centre.

The North London club's two other doubts, Smithers (ankle injury) and Harrigan (back), are expected to play. Harrigan will replace Peter Stevens, who has played in the last two matches. Christopher Milford regains his place at scrum half, which he lost to Dowling at the end of January. The team is: M. Phillips; P. Wursfold, T. Smithers, D. Croydon, C. Hanson; P. Hawkins, C. Milford; C. McGregor, J. Lockwood, R. Foirchoth, P. Holden, A. Jascrak, D. Harrigan, E. Riddle, A. Keay, Waterloo have no doubts, with Tickle, Fisher and Lunt returning. Tickle missed the quarter-final round agasiast Bedford because of a rib injury.

Waterloo are confident of being at Twickenham for the finel on

round against Bedford because of a rib injury.
Waterioo are confident of being at Twickenham for the fined on April 16 to round off a successful season, in which they have lost only four matches out of 31 and soored almost 750 points. Their ream is: S. G. Tricke; J. N. Spaven, V. G. T. Jackson, S. F. Christopherson, M. Flett; I. Ball. D. J. Carfoot; F. Blackburst, C. D. Fisher, F. Clarke, M. F. Rillingham, R. Short, K. Lunt, K. Hancock, L. Connor.

Today's fixtures RUGBY LEAGUE: First division Leads v Workington (7.50).



Precious, of England, belies his name as he hands off Rodriguez at Twickenham yesterday.

England win easily, keeping Trick up their sleeves

By Peter Marson

England 13 French XV o

England's 16-group schoolbors

French XV at Twickenham yesterday, and by no-side their superiority in most phases of the game brought them a comfortable victory by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to ml.

Turning round at half-time three points behind following a penalty goal by Rees the French XV.

Benefit of the loudspeaker system meant that many were seated during the pizying of the "Marseillaise", and some members of market XV stond with hands on hips when the national anthem was piayed. Loud booing to land kicks at goal, and this in spite of an appeal in the programme for good behaviour.

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Turning round at half-time three points behind following a penalty goal by Rees, the French boys then allowed Jellings, the England captain, sufficient room to slip clear of the cover and score the first try. But that brought a healthy response from Vaillant and his side and there were moments when it seemed that they night spring a surprise. Encouragement was what they needed at this point, and a try would have done the trick. Unfortunately they were to re-

there could be only one result after that.

At this time, midway through the second half, England had been busy, even a little harassed, in defence and as their splendidly built lock forward Rodriguez, a pocket Bastiat, led his beavy hattalions in a charge to the English line the ball was lost and won by Russell, England's full back, who had been luriding some 10 yards out. Accelerating upfield, Russell set sail for the French posts and, although he was pursued all the way, he could call on the speed he needed. So that meant a try for Russell and a simple conversion for Langford. Langford and Jellings looked a promising pair in the English centre, both in attack and defence, but they might have served their side better had they more speedily put the ball into the hands of two promising wings, Butler and Trick.

Twickentian's pain was in parter. Butler and Trick.

Twickentian's pinch was in perfect trim and a mild afternoon, with a sprinkling of sunshine, completed the picture for players and spectators. It was a pay that a layer here and there in organization, and in behaviour by some among many hundreds of school-boys lifting the lower west stand, should combine to last a shadow across such a picture. Faiture to give Coopers School band the

Blackheath and London Welsh are kept apart Blackheath and London Welsh have been seeded at opposite ends of the draw in the Sevenoaks ends of the draw in the Sevenoaks seven-a-side tournament to be played next Sunday, starting at 2 pm. Other strong teams seem to be the Voyagers, captained by the former Weish international fienker, John Taylor, Public Schools Wanderers, who hope to include Grinshaw, Aitchison and Mailk, all of Covenry, and London Scottish, who have listed eight internationals as being among their possible starters.

Blackheath will begin against Madstone, the team frey played. mackinesam with begin against Maidstone, the team they played in the semi-final round of the Kent Cup. The other flast routil matries are as follows: Voyagets v Sidcup; Streatham/Cropdon y Public Schools Wanderes; Bedeenham v Richmond; Terrier Scottick v S. Luke's:

on Sea Pigeon at Liverpool today

Racing Correspondent

The Tote jackpot will be in operation at Liverpool today on this the first day of the Grand National meeting, and anyone who gets it will deserve a medal as well as the money because the whole card looks full of pitfalls. The ground is expected to be which may make mockery of some of the form this winter since there has been so much

ditions underfoot should suit Sea Pigeon, who is my selection for the Allied Manufacturing Handicap Hurdle. The heavy ground was all against him at Cheltenham yet be still managed to run well in the Champion Hurdle to finish fourth. Although I have never regarded Sea Pigeon as a never regarden sez rigeon as a potential champion he is, never-theless a good horse on his day. He proved that conclusively at Haydock Park in Jenuary when he won the Embassy Handicap Hurdle by seven lengths carrying 12 st 2 th

That was an immensely impressive performance and one that convinces me now that he ought to be good enough to win again this afternoon, even with 12 st 6 lb on his back, in spite of the fact that in theory he has nothing in hand of Dawlish, who finished eight lengths behind him at Haydock.

successes at Unelternam, the Irish contingent will be rooting for Mwanadike, Troyswood, Kilcoleman and Multiple. Of the four I prefer Mwanadike, especially now that she will be meening Kilcoleman on better terms than when they clashed in the County Hurdle. Slim Jim is a runner who will interest a lor but in my will interest a lot, but in my opinion it goes against the grain to fancy a novice to win a rece of this nature carrying a stone more than he was given in the long handicap, even though he did run well against French Hollow at wen against French Honow at Chepstow.

If Sea Pigeon does manage to live up to my expectations ha could be the first of two winners for his jockey, John O'Neill, who

Liverpool programme

2.0 KNOWSLEY HURDLE (Novices: £2,127: 2m)

432100 Sanriss Hill (D), (M. Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5-11-8 J. King 0111 :True Wish (D) (E, Murphy Jun), A. Dickinson, 5-11-8

G30003 Brass: (J. Caddick), B. Cambidge, 5-11-0 G. Jones Explorataur (K. Myers), S. Mellor, B-11-0 Mr K. Myers 0-04p Flames (T. Fallon), D. Plant, 6-11-0 Mr K. Myers 1000 Geed Job (Hathaway Roofing Ltd), D. Doyle, 5-11-0 J. Doyle 500 Grand Trianen (Mrs. J. Gifford), J. Gifford, 5-11-0

21010 More Luck (D) /D. Stapleton), D. Moriey, 5-11-4 B. R 0-2120 Specke Girod (D) (Mrs C. Bellairs), B. Luck, 6-11-5

303-00 Harry Churchilis (B. Brierieg). D. McCain, 7-11-0 J. Hieckley, Surprise (D) (Mrs F. Walton, F. Walton, 5-1 Mr J. 470 Highland Jig (W. Wright), Wright, 6-11-0 . A. G. 504000 Irish Rambler (T. O'Riordan). J. Crowley, 6-11-0 J. C. 414413 Jackadandr (D) (Mrs D. Hague), F. Sinter, 6-11-0 J. L. 11-0 J. C. 11-0 J. C.

230 TOPHAM TROPHY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £4,870:

3.05 SPORTING CHRONICLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

Tom Mergan (C) (D) (W/Cmdr P. Stead), K. Oliver, 8-11-7

313204 Even Meledy (Lady Hay), N. Crump, 8-11-9 .. C. Hawkins 3

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dican Hurdle on Asset.

Having his first race for a considerable time, Asset ran promis Ingly at Kelso earlier this month. But to fancy his chance this after-noon it is necessary to flick back through the pages of the form book to the meeting at Ayr in December when he beat Midao.

Midao had won his previous race comfortably, yet Asset managed to give him 12 lb and beat him by three lengths. Today the difference between the two is only 9 lb. On this occasion Manzoni could be Asset's main stumbling block, especialty if he are improved effect he finished has improved since he finished sixth in the Imperial Cup, as I am led to believe he has. am led to believe he has.

As usual the Topham Tropmy will give us our first glimpse this year of horses jumping the Grand National fences. My short list comprises Even Melody and Cuckolder, both of whom will relish the better ground underfoot; Ben More, who seems to be running into form at long last, and Churchtown Boy, who may run in the Grand National as well. If he is at or anywhere near his best Cuckolder will give his backers a good run for their money and he is my choice.

a good run for their money and he is my choice.

The Greenall Whitley Foxmunters' Steeplechase is also run over parts of the National course. Rusty Tears landed a gamble when he won the Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, but his opposition was weak that day and he will not find the going nearly so easy this time pitted against Timmie's Battle and Happy Warrior. Ridden by his owner, Peter Greenall, Timmie's Battle would be as extremely appropriate winner of the race that his family firm now sponsors, and he is not without a good chance.

In contrast the Sporting is not without a good chance.

In contrast the Sporting Chronicle Steeplechase will be run over what used to be known as the Mildmay course, which has mormal fences these days. Having run Skymas to a neck in the National Hunt Two Mile Champion Steeplechase at Cheltenham, Grangewood Girl will never again have only 11 st 6 lb to carry in a race of this nature for a long time to come, so I only hope that she can make the best of what appears to be a golden

what appears to be a golden opportunity.

[Television (BBC1): 2.30 and 3.05 races. (BBC2) 3.40 and 4.15 300 p00304 Wilty Talke (J. Blundell). Blundell, 7-10-0 P. Mangarana.

O'Neill should fly high Three young men of Newmarket take a smooth road to the top

Money alone does not buy classic winners, Park Top cost only 500 guineas as a yearling. By present day standards Grundy and Wollow were not over-priced at 11,000 and 7,000 guineas, respectively. But in the long-run it is the sheet volume of cash that foreigness are, able to spend on is the sneet volume of cash that foreigners are able to spend on colts bred in the purple that accounts for their continued domination of our prestige races. For instance, last year's Derby winner, Empery, who was by Vaguely Noble out of that brilliant.

mare, Pamplona II, v feeched an astronomical have feached an astronomical sum if he had been put through the sale ring as a yearling. But it is not for want of talent in our trainers that we fail to bold our own. Quite apart from the hig names three men in their early thirdes at Newmarket are establishing solid and reliable reputations, Michael Stoute, Jeremy Hindley and Gavin Pritchard-Gordon.

Gordon.

Last year Stoute enjoyed his hought best season since he bought Beech Hurst in 1973. His 43 horses captured 62 races worth over £91,000. His 29 individual winners meant that Stoute was successful with over two thirds of his string, a feat of exceptional skill. His record of winning those 62 races with only 240 runners was the best in the country. Hindley with 49 winners from 202 runners comes second judged by that yardhorses in his yard, having built 18 new boxes during the winter. He considers this to be the ideal number for one man to train.

Despite his keen sense of humour, and boundless energy. Stoute is deadly serious when he talks about his horses. A deep chinker and long-term planner, he never lets his inherent optimism get the better of him. His possible classic hopes are tienne Gerard and Triple First,

whose most important success came in the Waterford Cande-labra Stakes. Characteristically Stoute was cautious in his fore-cast of their prospects. "Etienne Gerard has wintered well and he's pleasing me in his work", he said. But despite his easy win at Ascot there must be a question mark after his fallure in the Middle Park Stakes. "I'm running him in Kemp-ton's 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes

on Easter Monday and we'll see

3.40 ALLIED MANUFACTURING HURDLE (Handicap: £4,155

4.15 GREENALL WHITLEY STREPLECHASE (£2,299: 23m)

4.45 MIRABEL STAYERS HURDLE (Handicap: £2,449: 2m 5½f)
e01 00104 Asset (C. McGhie). G. Richards, 6-12-0 J. O'Nelli
503 Swift Shadow (Mrs A. Gibson), Thomson Jones, 8-11-7

621 20-0000 Elpro (Mrs J. Bricknell), N. Waking, 6-10-8 Mr S. 004020 Croftsmie (Mrs M. Betanett), G. Saiding, 9-10-7 653 [ng200 All Spirit (C. Cleary), E. Jones, 8-10-6 5-1 Mourndyte, 11-2 Midao, 13-2 Quickspeamy, 7-1 Manzoni, 10-1 Boy, Assot, 12-1 Brief Chance, Jan Stewer, 14-1 Drum Major, 16-1 Hollymount Girl, 20-1 others.

4.20 REDDITCH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

1 0413-pp Fine Aven. G. Hutshy, 9:11-13 ... V. Soene
3 103-21 Brandy Fare, B. Shaw, 7:11-8 ... Mr. A. J. Wison
4 0-22 Chetham, H. Trigg 15:11-5 ... Mrs. N. Lay
5 3-02220 Talusash, J. Perrett, 9:11-0 ... Len Griffuths
7 423-7p French Lessed, D. Gandoifo, 9:10-10 ... Len Griffuths
9 001344 Sadate VI (C-D), J. George, 10-10-7 ... Mr. R. Woolloy
12 120-433 Blabbarnsouth (D), J. George, 8:10-3 ... Mr. R. Woolloy
1-3 Newer Bet, E. Owen jun, 10-10-0 ... R. F. Davies
5-2 Brandy Fare, 5-1 Blabbarnsouth, 9-2 Sadate VI, 6-1 Takasaki, 10-1 Chatham,
12:1 Fine Avon, 16-1 French Legend, 15-1 Nover Bet.

4.50 YOUNG STAYERS HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 4-y-o: £420:

2.15 Pasquabond. 2.45 Alpenstock. 3.15 Rotomar Boy. 3.50 Scalby Cesta. 4.20 Blabbermouth. 4.50 Duc de Bolebec.

Liverpool selections

Saz Pigeon (P. Muldoon), M. H. Easterby, 7-12-6, J. O'Neint Winter Melody (J. Hanson), Hanson, 6-11-5. A. Bowker & Mwanadika (P. Doyle), J. Bryce-Smith, 5-11-0. F. Berry Tanora (J. Manners), Denys Smith, 8-10-10. T. Stack Havanus (Mrs R. Hoare), D. Moriey, 5-10-10. B. C. Davles Tiepolins (Maj D. Wigan), J. Gifford, 5-10-7. R. Champion Troyswood (J. Doveling), P. Mullins, 5-10-7. S. Treacy Flying Diplomat (S. Griffith), A. Smith, 6-10-6. N. Tinkler Klicoleman (P. Cierke), W. Bayers, 5-10-3. T. Klinane Dawlish (Mrs B. Jimks), E. Cousins, 6-10-1. R. Linley Dawlish (Mrs B. Jimks), E. Cousins, 6-10-1. I. Watkipson

Triple First made immense physical improvement throughout last season, and that improve-ment was also shown on the racecourse. Stamina and guts are her chief characteristics. Her first test will be in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at the Newmarket Craven meeting.
Stoute considers that he has a well-balanced team this year.
Although it is difficult to choose from such a good looking bunch, my four to follow are that useful four-year-old handicapper, Sousa, the progressive Tin Mine, and the three-year-old maidens, Cruising and Greenhill God.

Jeremy Hindley, though caste in a different mould from Stoute, has the same positive approach and clarity of thought about his problems. Realizing that the present system of taxation in England prevents English owners from being able to afford the right type of animal to succeed pattern races, he active steps to put matters right.
Together with Tim Bulwer
Long, of the Heron Bloodstock bred two-year-old colts by proven classic sires.

classic sires.

Hindley also has a strong team of three-year-olds. Of his fillies, Bessle Wallis, won the Houghton Stakes on her only appearance on a raccourse. Judged on her pedigree, Bessle Wallis might be regarded as more likely to make a candidate for the Oaks, but her trainer is throwing her in at the deep end by challenging Clooulara for the 1,000 Guineas.

Two days earlier at the same meeting another unraced filly. Princess Tiara, who is to be aimed at the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at the Epsom Spring meeting, had

at the Epsom Spring meeting, had captured the Somerville Tattersall Stakes. His other good filly, Rings, who also ended her two-Rings, who also ended her two-year-old career on a winning note, will probably run in the Nell

Neither is Hindley short of good Neither is Hindley short of good class colts. Common Land's half brother, He Loves Me, who narrowly beat Forty Winks in the Harty Rosebery Challenge Trophy at Ayr, may go for the Greenham Stakes. Abs, the conqueror of that speedy colt, Haveroid, at Goodwood, is now fully recovered from the injury he sustained at exercise last August and may turn out for the Craven Stakes. out for the Craven Stakes. Hindley has no firm objective at present for Sin Timon, who was

so impressive when beating Sport-ing Yankee at the Newmarket October meeting. Indeed Hindley stresses that his plans for all three are fluid as they are rated at 65.
This means that they may well be handicapped. Until the trainer has had a chance to judge their merits in their first serious work, he is keeping his options open. There are plenty of valuable three-year-old handicaps and it would be foolish to go for a pattern race if one of these appeared to be there for the taking. All in all Hindley looks a man to follow this season.

ably installed in Stalley House Stables has achieved remarkable success in transforming handi-cappers into animals of the highest calibre. His exploits with highest calibre. His exploits with Record Run and Court Chad are already well known, but over a year ago the trainer told me that Ardoon, who had won the Royal Hunt Cup carrying 8st 3lb the previous season, could also make the grade. After a cantering victory in the Newbury Spring Cup, the six-year-old went on to prove the trainer's point in no uncertain fashion by capturing the Queen Ame Stakes and Hungerford Stakes.

Ardoon belonged Artoon belonged to Frank Feeney of the Ardoon Stud. Pritchard-Gordon is more than hopeful of winning good races with the same owner's Kashiwa, who won four races in Ireland last season and Buished third in the Irish Cambridgeshire carrying

Although Aspect disappointed his backers when finishing unplaced behind Tudor Jig in the Tote Spring Handicap at Doncaster, his trainer was not dismayed as he did not consider the colt to be forward enough to do himself justice in the heacy ground.

Teesside abandoned

The new Flat season lost its first meeting to bad weather when roday's Teeside Park card was abandoned because of the wet state of the course. But provided the weather does not deteriorate. the prospects for tomorrow reasonable, the Clerk of Course, John Chapman, said.

STATE OF GOING (official) Liverpool: good, Stratford-en-Aven soft. Tomorrow: Ascot: good. Tees-side Park: (7 am decision, today).

Folkestone results

could carry Whitgift though .45 (1.51) SHORNGLIFFE STAKES (3-5-0: £738; 1³=m) By Peter Ryde

(3-5-0: £738: 1°am)

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Glague), 9-0 B. Taylor (10-1) 4

Plying Swallow J. Lynch (14-1) 2

Lady of York . A. Bond (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 far Rhodras, 8-1

Thomson's Policy, 10-1 Concorde

Lady, 12-1 Barondino, 14-1 Take A

Laker, Worth a Chance, 16-1 Plysions

(4th), Falconier Princess Tavi, 20-1

Geoleobee, 25-1 Father's Footprints,
3-1 Strawberry Lady, Shelia's Boy,
Ryan's Prophet, Sad Eric, 18 ran.

TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 22p 51p. Golf Correspondent Thanks to a draw that is neither officially nor unofficially seeded, the Halford Hewitt Old Boys' golf tournament, which begins today over the courses of Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St George's, usually produces an important match or two in the first round. This year is no exception, for Rueby, rumoers up in Charter-2.15 (2.19) ALKHAM HANDICAP (2333: 6()

B. Rouse (5-1 fav) P. Cook (5-1) ALSO RAN: 5-1 Levant Melady, 8-1 at ALSO RAN: 5-1 Levant Melady, 8-1 delady, 8

equalled only, I think, by Charter-house with P. Benka and M. J. Christmas. These two are playing agade this year, but the Carthusians will be weakened by the absence of M. Hughesdon and I. Quick. Still, in their more relaxed moments they entertain the hope of bringing off the Grand Slam of public school golf—by winning in the same year this event, the Grafton Morrish, the Bernard Darwin Trophy and the Queen Elizabeth, which is played in Scotland

3.15 (3.15) ALGINGTON HANDICAP (£682: 51) (2.13) ALDINGTON HANDICAP (RE62: 5f)
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5.45 (5.45) KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (£281; 1°am)

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TOTE: Win, £1.28; places, 57p. 20p.

27p: dual forecast, 57p. N. Adam at Metton Mowbray. 61, 51.

TOTE DOUBLE: Black Minstrel, Mr Pordeste: £2.55. TREBLE: Regina Wilhelmins, Under Orders, Civic Commolion: £45.45.

2.15: 1, Mr Resister (12-1): 2. Thuster (16-1: 3. Kelloe Brig teven fav), 21 ran. 2.45: 1, Rannow Bay (6-1: 2. Sub-way (9-2): 5. Sea Count (6-1: Sharageen 10-11 isv. 6 ran. Sharageon 10-11 fav. 6 ran.

3.15: 1. Romany Star (8-1): 2.

Buddy Drake 113-8 fav: 3. Pentagon (12-1): 12 ran.

3.45: 1. Lienalition (event favi: 2. Little Swift (33-1): 3. Guilscard (11-2): 3 ran.

4.15. 1. indian Emperer (10-11 favi: 2. 5ea Urchin (13-8): 3. Little Trader (14-1): 6 ran.

4.45: 1. Appel Claire (4-6 fav): 2.

First acceptors



French racing

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French Racing Correspondent Paris, March 30

Seven of the 10 runners in to-morrow's Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry mer each other in the Prix Edmond-Blanc at St-Cloud on March 10. On that occasion it was

marca 10. On that occasion it was Baly Rockette and Tony Murray who were the victorious pair, but now I am going for Daniel Wilden-stein's Monsanto, who finished fifth then.

Monsanto, whose stable won the

Monsanto, whose stable won the Prix de Ris-Orangis last year with El Restro, will have benefited greatly from his recent run. Last year the son of Breton won two races, of which the most impressive was the Prix de Rond-Point where he beat his stable companion, Nurabad, another of tomorrow's participants, by half a length.

length.

It is impossible to fault Bely Rockette's record this year with three wins from three starts, but, when he won the Edmond-Blanc he had a fitness advantage over the rest of the field after two wins a frames.sn. Mer.

second time this month and must have a chance following his fourth behind Baly Rockette in the Edmond-Blanc. A top-class performer in his native land, Kronen-tranich also finished fourth to the

2000 Guineas possible, Pharly, in last year's Prix de la Fôret.

last year's Prix de la Foret.

My Last Sovereign and Mittainvilliers are fresh after recent victories at Maisons-Laffittee, but the
former might find the one mile
of the Ris-Orangis too long, and
the latter, who is a specialist on
straight courses, would probably
prefer a little farther. Roan Star,
who under William Carson won
the 1975 Prix de La Foret, has
not run since July of last year
and will probably need the race,
a comment which can also be
applied to Iron Duke, a winner
last season of the Coupe de
Maisons-Laffirte and Prix de La
Côte Normande.

Distinction that

rumners up to Charter

on Saturday.

Whitght, runners-up last year, are in the same quarter, drawn against Clifton. In P. Hedges and I. Caldwell, Whitght have two who have played in the Walker Cup, a distinction which is consided only I think, by Charter-

Golf

Monsanto to Superior skill gives **RAF** their victory the St-Cloud

Royal Navy 0

By virtue of their superior skills, the RAF deserved to win, but were not five goals better on the run of play. For the first 10 minutes they were in full control, but after they had taken the lead the balance was restored, the only difference being that the RAF kept scoring and the Navy did not. They were hendicapped without Siddell, who was injured. If the Navy had converted a penalty stroke when they were two goals down, the story might have been different. Failure to score from it was costly, but a fairly good effort by McAuley was frustrated by Doyle, who made a diving save and altogether gave a distinguished performance in the RAF goal.

distinguished performance in the RAF goal.

Before five minutes had passed the Navy were unhappily launched with Gregory being temporarily suspended for a minor offence and Old picking up a centre from the right to give the RAF the lead. Then when Duerden converted a penalty stroke (awarded for stock

obstruction) a runnway RAF vic-tory seemed likely.

But with Powell and Reid com-There should be a stirring battle next Wednesday at Aldershot, where the Royal Air Force will defend the Services hockey title against the Army. The RAF beat the Royal Navy at Brize Poets the Royal Navy at Portsmouth last week.

By virtue of their superior skills, the RAF deserved to win, but corner, and the one that followed moments. Bennett saved a cer-tain goal on the line from a short corner, and the one that followed might well have been a penalty Relief from anxiety came to the RAF with Draper converting a short corner, and their game began to flow again. After Draper had struck another short corner, a Navy defender interfered with the follow-up and Duerden converted his second penalty stroke.

Late in the game Draper scored
the fifth goal from a short corner, but not before the RAF had
repelled several Navy assaults.

ROYAL NAVY: CEM C. Leddicott EA/S C. Davison, CPO J. Aldred t M. Lieweltyn-Jones, MAA P. Mc didey, Lt K. Brown, CPO R. James, CA T. Reid (sub LMom C. Fernan ess, LMem S. Powell, CPO A inegury (sub Lt M. Batho), PO J

Last year's finalists meet again

Universities Achletic Union, the title holders, will meet London in the final of the British Univerin the final of the British Universities hockey tournament (men) at Durham today, starting at 1.45 pm. The same teams met in the final last year when UAU won after extra time on penalty strokes. The score had stood at 2—2 at the end of normal time. In consequence of yesterday's marches UAU and London finished first and second in pool A, Oxford and Cambridge gaining similar positions in pool B. In the semi-final round UAU were expected to beat Cambridge and expected to beat Cambridge and they did by 1-0, but the surprise of the day was London's 3-1 win over Oxford in an exciting finish.



Rackets

Radley by a whisker after going the distance

By Our Rackets Correspondent By Our Rackets Correspondent
Clifton, Harrow and Malvern
had clear-cur wins in the Schools
rackets championships at Queen's
Club yesterday. Radley struggled
mandally and came through against
Wenchester by a whisker when
Pepper and Sutton beat Breitmeyer and MacDonell by 17—14,
4—15, 3—15, 15—11, 8—15, 15—1,
18—16. It was one of those scraps
that always looked like going the
distance with the prize going to
the braver or luckier. Rugby, rumners-up to Charter-house three years ago, meet Wat-son's, who have not shone lately, but who are rumoured this year to be darker horses than usual. Only one school out of these two, Merchiston, the holders, and Wellington, can still reach the fourth round when the tournament concentrates at Deal on Saturday.

Whitefit, runners-up last year.

ine braver or inciser.

In the event, luck did not enter into it, and it was the cooler qualities of Radiey that prevailed against a better looking but unreliable and often tense pair. There were spells in the first fourth and sixth games when Winchester's concentration seemed miles away. They flogged at the ball without much finesse, and Radiey looked like tenuis nather than rackets players, using stiff wrists, but effectively noue thetess. Suiton served from the shoulder as the tenuis player at early Wimbledous did but he won many points. The tall Pepper used a double handed backhand and

Rumours of retirement

quashed by Stracey

quite a bit of power in both strokes. As the saying goes, they stayed in the match and won the Eton and Harrow reached the Eton and Harrow reached the colts' final, and the two semi-final matches provided some of the best play of the day. Harrow's Paul and Prenn beat Wellington's Mallinson and Low by 16-17, 17-14, 15-10, 15-6, 10-15, 15-6, and Paul's brilliance was greatly responsible for it. He began to make his mark when Wellington, having won the first game, led 14-5 in the second. Eton's Faber and Pease beat Clifton's Bourge and Scott by Clifton's Bourge and Scott by 16—13, 9—15, 15—10, 15—11, 15—13 RESULTS: First round: Malvern (P. J. Rosser and A. J. B. McDonald) beat Halleybury II (P. Wallis, L. P. B. Dingley) 15—5, 15—5, 15—1,

spooned forehand, but gained

Boxing

Affi to receive **\$12m** for last defence

Los Angeles, March 29.—The world heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, will defend his title for \$12m in September. pion, minamata an, who be better his title for \$12m in September, Benjamin Thompson, a promoter, said today. "It will be Ali's last fight", Mr Thompson told a press conference. He said that Ali's opponent would probably be the winner of a clash between Duane Bobick and Ken Norton, scheduled for New York's Madison Square Garden on May 11.

Mr Thompson, a California businessman who is promoting his first big sports event, told reporters that the Ali bout would be snaged at an undisclosed venue outside the United States in early September. The challenger would be paid \$2.25m.

No confirmation was available from All's headquarters in closed yesterday, by a large purple bruise, and he was also nursing bumps and truises all over his body. But he intends to come back after taking a long

No confirmation was available from All's headquarters in Chicago but earlier this month a spokesman for the champion said he had entered into a teutative agreement with Mr Thompson

Last October All said he was retiring. Just two days after defeating Ken Norton in New York he told reporters: "I've lost all interest in boxing." All said he was answering a plea from Wallace Muhammad, leader of the Black Moslem movement of which Ali is a member, that he "take up the banner of truth" by spreading the Moslem religion,

Since then he has flirted repeatedly with a return to the ring.

rest.

Green will fight Carios Palomino for the world title and I sincerely wish him the best of luck. But then I want to fight him egain. I was out of the ring for mine months before Tuesday's fight. Next time it will not be so long", Stracey said. "I am honestly sure that, but for the eye, I would have beaten him. When he said to me in the minth round 'you've got me', he meant

John Stracey, beaten in 10 after which every touch was rounds at Wembley by Dave agony.

Green, will not retire. A remark. "I was not tired and, apart rounds at Wembley by Dave
Green, will not retire. A remarksalty cheerful Stracey said from
his Chigwell, Essex, home: "I
Intend to carry on and I want to
fight Green again. He would not
have beaten me last night but
for the fact that my left eye
closed and I could not see him
coming."

Stracey's left eye was still
closed yesterday, by a large
purple bruise, and he was also punishment if I have to."

Green was back in Chatteris yesterday, but his supporters will not have long to fete him. He is going to Florida, with his wife, at the weekend, for at least three weeks, and he has already been making enquiries about getting some sparring in Miami. He is not likely to box again before he meets Paloumo at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on June 14.

am honestly sure that, but for the eye, I would have beaten him. When he said to me in the minth round 'you've got me', he meant it. He didn't say it clearly, he gasped it out. His head was on my shoulder and he could hardly get his breath. He wasn't goading me. He was ready to go."

Stracey said that Green's manager, Andy Smith. Green's manager. Andy Smith. Gre

Latest European snow reports

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Squash rackets Stamina could be decisive factor for Leslie

Stamina could be the deciding factor when Britain's leading amateur, Jonathan Leslie, meets Cameron Nancarrow for a place in the semi-finals of the British Open squash championships sponsored by Lucas at Wembley today. The 26-year-old Leslie, a Beaconsfield barrister, has already proved he possesses plenty of skill and is not overawed by reputations. He clearly demonstrated this while disposing of the tough Australian and number six seed, Ken Hiscoe, on Tuesday.

Leslie, the British close champion, is confident he can continue his run of success. He can expect Stamina could be the deciding pion, is confident he can continue his run of success. He can expect stubborn resistance from the 30-year-old Nancarrow from Sydney, who is seeded eight above his rival on number 3 and is among the world's top six players.

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



by Prudence Glynn

Bacon and golden

eggs
"Money is like muck, no good except it be spread", wrote Francis Bacon, relieving yours truly of the need to ferret about for an original statement about the necessity and power of good fashion design. I accept no designer as great until his influence can be seen everywhere, and the most depressing comment I have heard in recent months

is that there are students going through our generous art school system who have doubts about whether they should be in one or other area of work because their social conscience tells them that good design is available only to the

Surely the social conscience should seek—like William Morris, who is so often quoted in this context, and was regarded, let me add, by Clement Artlee as more a friend to socialism than Karl Marx—to reach every level so that the maker enjoys the pleasure of producing something worthwhile and the consumer can be pleased with and educated to be even more pleased

with the efforts of those who have enjoyed design education.

The five designers featured on this page today epitomized my theory, for whatever the cost of these original prototypes, the result of hours and hours of work and discipline and above all latent creative talent, I think you will find these looks in the high streets the world within weeks or even days. There are a lot of things we have to buy abroad, and many of them are closely connected to fashion but for original trends we need go nowhere, as the blanket coverage of the other international collections has proved, again, only too clearly.

Below: There are two things in Bill Gibb's latest collection which I predict will be copied at once. The first is the pleat front, plain backed, split-sided skirt shown here. The other is a certain long jersey with a deep welt. It stops short of being a minidress sweater, but it will be the way a lot of women get back into really short skirts. In a collection even more beautiful than his last, Bill Gibb bowed to royalty with a motif of the thistle and the rose embroidered on everything from the check worsted panels on his fabulous fur coats (the best furs I have ever seen) to evening dresses, and proved that however useless the Stuarts may have been at ruling, the mixture of tartan, lace and velvet could make Jacobites of us all. Brown and cream checked worsted jacket, braid tie at the back; plain brown pleatfronted skirt. Little hat by Diane Logan, shoes by Bally, white woolly socks with brown whatever those things on the outside are called. Fabulous fox, grey squirrel and worsted coar by Bill, made by Philip Hockley. Below: There are two things in Bill Gibb's latest collection

Photographs by Mervyn Franklyn







with such wit and style. Taupe silk shirt with a black silk tie, tie under waistcoat with a muff front pocket, black pants, black leather trimmed reversible toga in taupe and black and cream wool. Quilled saucer hat by Frederick Fox for John Bates.



Above: Zandra Rhodes is not only one of our greatest dress designers but also one of our most original textile innovators. In her newest collection she develops a theme of the innovators. st collection she develops a theme of almost transparent fine tricot on to which she weaves patterns and theme:

Above: The ineffable Jean Muir. "Regions Caesar never knew their posterity shall sway" might be an apr epithet for our Boadicea of fashion, when one thinks of the legions of dresses which have been inspired by her entirely original and consistent rule of design. From the collection she shows tomorrow, she chose a dark green pure wool crepe midi shift. It has a pussy cat bow tie, minute precise tucks on the shoulder, prim little wrists. Supremely cut, it hangs to the figure with the most languid diffidence; the effect is as lethal as scythes on your chariot wheels. Stitched beret by Graham Smith, stitched pine green shoes by Manolo Blahnik. Above: The most influential designer in Paris now is undoubtedly Kenzo Tekada of Jap, but we have our own naturalized contribution from the Far East in Yuki. Yuki's evening clothes, those languorous, sweeping and miraculously cut shapes, which always suggest the boudoir while managing to look right in the ballroom, have been a major influence on fashion for five years. This day-wear collection is quite new. Watch for the tiny waist achieved by showing a tightly welted sweater under a very short, broad jacket. Watch also for the chimney height cowl which comes separately from every sweater. A bright idea and one that will be picked up.



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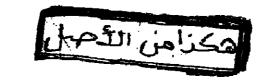
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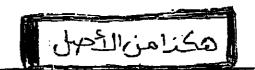
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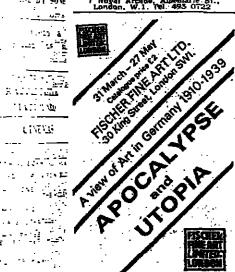
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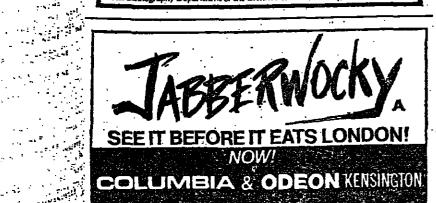
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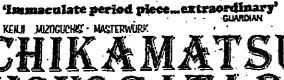
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Il castello di Kenilworth Collegiate

William Mann

Opera Rara certainly live up to their name with their production at the Camden Festival this week, of Donizetti's Elisabetta al castello di Kenilworth: it seems to have been performed nowhere since 1835, and before that only in Naples (where it was warmly enough received at the first production in 1829 to warrant a revival the following year) and Madrid.

As the title may suggest, the opera derives from Sir Walter Scott's historical novel Kenilworth, though by the time it reaches Donizetti, via Victor Hugo and Eugene Scribe on whom his librettist leaned, not much history remained. It had become an Italian romantic opera about royalty in a distant country some centuries earlier, a genre much cultivated not least by Donizetti who had already composed Alfred the Great and was, less than two years after Kenilworth, to have his first lasting success with

Anna Bolena.

Already in Kenilworth there are signs of operatic genius. The four principal characters are kept firmly in the limelight, strongly contrasted: Amelia (Scott's Amy Robsart) all loving womanhood, pushed aside, ing womanhood, pushed aside, threatened, scorned, finally triumphant, and affectingly portrayed here by Yvonne Kenny; Elisabeta, our Virgin Queen, vengeful at the news that her beloved is already married, but more sympathetically treated than in many romantic plays involving her, another virtuoso role for Janet Price, who seemed to smile almost all the time; then the beloved Leicester, here renamed Alberto, imperious but also cowardly in the struggle of loyalties to wife and monarch, as Maurice Arthur ably conveys; and the villainous Warney, who fancies Amelia and is played with cloak-anddagger glower by Christian du Plessis.

The three acts include some eloquent music, notably the confrontation of husband and wife, a sequence of strong duets; a splended vocal quartet at the end of the second act; an aria for Amelia, curiously scored with obligate harp and celesta (surely an anachronism in 1829), and a final aria for the Queen with a pungent cor

anglais solo. First night nerves were to be sensed on stage and in the pit, where Alun Francis was spiricedly conducting the Philomusica of London; doubtless the performances tomorrow and on Saturday Saturday will run more smoothly. Italian enunciation eemed commendable. Ambony Holland's stage designs were London Libby's production well-paced and attentive, somewhat too dark, too often.



debuts

The performance directions of seven of the eight movements of Schumann's Kreisleriana include either molto or assai, but ther is no excuse for the undis-ciplined exaggerations of close of No 3 was typical with its overemphatic phrasing and overblown dynamics: plenty of energy was apparent yet little Schumann survived. The Alla marcia of Beethoven's Sonata Op. 101, was, as so often, too violent also, and there was little finesse in the concluding Allegro. Then, after the interval, Mr Klein's control in the Chopin Op. 25 Etudes, if not quite immaculate, was so much better as to suggest that another pianist had taken over. The G sharp minor piece in thirds was beautifully finished, the noctural C sharp minor very sensitive, the high-step-ping grace of the G flat major Etude delicious. In fact the two halves of this recital were so contradictory as to defy conclusions.

André Previn's Outings for Brass proved thoroughly enjoy-able, offering caricatures of down-market brass band music, of a particularly luguirious blues, of Kurt Weill, and so forth. There was finely matched playing, too, from the Albany Brass Ensemble, especially in the quick-footed finale. Not in the quick-tooted finale. Not far behind in entertainment value was Joseph Horowitz's Music Hall Suite, which rather more affectionately parodies earlier popular styles, most amusingly in the Soft-Shoe Shuffle movement. Philip White's Brass Quintet, which and it first paragraphics. and its first performance, con-sisted of three brief move-ments, conventional yer well argued and with some rather intriguing textures. We also heard various Elizabethan keyboard pieces, tactfully arranged for brass; these mostly were short, sonorous,

mostly were snort, sonorous, and gay.
Finally, back to the keyboard, or keyboards, proper for Blandine Verler's harpsichord recital. Unlike most debutants, she has already been heard on several LPs.
Miss Verlet does not emphasize the organeous so much as size the ornaments so much as some players, but has a fine, nimble technique, and is able to armiculate cleanly the some-times complex rhythms of Louis or François Couperin. There was a virality and a real feeling for the dance rhythms of the former's D minor Suite. Yet some pieces by Jacques Duphly, and one Rondeau in particular, sounded to me-no expert on the period-like in-ferior François Couperin Certainly it did not seem a good plan for Miss Verlet to play such music after "Le Grand's " Septième Ordre.

Max Harrison

As at Versailles

The English Bach Festival opens with a performance on April 24 at the Royal Opera House, of La Princesse de Navarre, a collaboration between Rameau and Voltaire given with great splendour at Versailles in 1745 at the sharpness and speed which applied with introduced with introduced of the Dauphin. son Van Manen freely acknow refinement and of Louis XV, with Maria ledges to the influence of the placing and pulse.

Taking a chance on young Verdi

I masnadieri New Theatre, Cardiff

A little while ago Schiller's first play Die Räuber was given a risible production in London. The Welsh National Opera's staging of I masnadieri, the work Verdi based on Schiller, should erase a few of those smiles. For years the opera has been considered too big a risk.

The WNO's performance, which has opened their Cardiff season. is reckoned to be the first major opera company production in Britain for well over a century of Verdi's London commission. Philips, though, must have inspired a little confidence when they recorded I masnadieri with a cast led by Caballe and Bergonzi. The WNO have succeeded-

and their success in many ways looks back to another early Verdi opera, Nabucco, which turned them into a national company—because they have given i masnadieri, for all its blemishes, a vote of total sup-port. Julian Hope's production may look a little drab, with its wooden tables and black gravestones set on a raised slatted stage against a background of black Lowryesque trees. But it takes no liberties. Every temptation has been resisted to make a mock of warring brothers, deep-eyed villains, chance en-counters, gallows rescues, at-tempted parracide and fracicide. All operatic life is there. Andrea Maffei, who fashioned the libretto from Schiller, was even a little diffident about his own work: "... my task is to circumscribe in a few verses the huge tragedy of Die Räuber without hoping or claiming for my effort the exacted title of literature". Inconsistencies in-flate to wild improbabilities, but they are brushed aside by the vigour, vitality and constant on-

ward sweep of the music. The WNO are lucky in having as their musical director a natural early Verdi conductor, Richard Armstrong. From the prelude Mr Armstrong put his stamp on the score, relishing its energy, accepting the imitations of Donizetti and Bellini, but above all conducting with constant precision and attack. Verdi was 33 when he wrote I masnadieri and Mr Armstrong is very close to that age now. Here is a young conductor responding with instinctive passion to a young composer's score.
One of Verdi's commentators called *I masnadieri* a "turgid

tale of blood, hate and terror

little terror, but turgid it is tackles the role from the start not in performance once the with impressive heroic timbre, first act is over. The opening three scenes are stilted in construction as they introduce the Moor brothers: first Carlo, a Captain Mac-Heath who has taken up with the Robbers of the title in rebellion against family life; of Verdi singing.

A father's blessing—Richard van Allan and Kenneth Collins

then Francesco, who is determined to inherit the Moor for-tunes; finally their father Massimiliano and Carlo's Massimiliano and Carlo's beloved Amalia. The technique entrance aria and cabaletta as formal as a cocktail party where no one knows anyone else. But once the intro-ductions are over the opera fills with energy.
Carlo or Karl (Stephen
Oliver's generally fluent trans-

lation rather perversely reverts to the German names), the Robber Chief, is one of Verdi's reflective tenor warriors. He is much given to solitary brood-ing on love and death, but it leads to a persuasive series of heroic arias starting with "O mio castel paterno". This becomes in translation

Land of my home and father, Green are your hills forever, which sounds as though the Welsh have taken over Verdi's There is no doubting the blood and hate, and maybe there is a Franconia. Kenneth Collins

perfect diction, and burnished clarion tone. He always sug-gests that Carlo is a blueprint for that other social outcast, Manrico in Trovatore. Carpers might complain of an apparent fading at the end of Act II and insufficient colour. But this was most noble and exciting piece

Terence Sharpe's lacks the ideal bacitone bire, the Gobbi rasp, for Francesco, who, like the Baronet of Ruddigore, is condemned to commit an evil deed every scene, even though the score suggests from time to time that he's not a bad chap after all Richard van Allan cuts a much more impres-sive figure as Massimiliano who is forced to spend his declining years not in a comfortable armchair but in a dungeon in the woods. The plump Lablache, who created the role, was described as doing everything to perfection apart from suggesting a man suffering from starvation. No such accusations could be aimed at the angular limbs of Mr van Allan who made a fine contribution to the two best duets in the opera-which Massimiliano shares with

The weakness is Amalia herself, the role Verdi composed for Jenny Lind. It is an almost tangential part and Amalia is virtually inactive except when she has to seize a dagger to protect her honour, an action clumsily handled on the opening night. Suzanne Murphy is an attractive young soprano with a good coloratura range, but the words are indistinct and the tone too often forced. She will surely improve with

It has been claimed that Verdi composed 1 masnadieri with due regard to the "fine Brinish charal tradition". I wonder. The choral numbers are much weaker than those of Macbeth, which he wrote at the same time, apart from the Act III hymn to pillage, "With rape and with murder, destruc-tion and ruin", which Sudivan was to parody some years later. The WNO chorus attacked that one with zest and rightly found themselves in the limelight.

Cardiff has been shown that the 33 year old Verdi had a handful, no, a sackful of songs to bring them. Most of them are well sung; all of them are exceedingly well played.

John Higgins

Carlo and Amelia respectively. Inspired by young Mendelssohn



Alexandra Radius and Han Ebbelaar

Dutch National Ballet Stadsschouwburg, Amsterdam

John Percival

It was the scherzo of Mendels-sohn's Octet Opus 20 that first tempted Hans van Manen to make his new ballet of the same title, and it has inspired him to the most exhilarating heights of invention. Even it his choreography had not been the shining success it is, the production would still have been worthwhile for increasing the opportunities to hear this superb flight of fancy by the 16-year-old composer. Happily, the rest of the music and of the ballet is almost on the The first movement alone

lasts a quarter of an hour, which is already as long as some ballets. The marvellously sustained flow of the music, never losing its impetus from the first bar to the last, demands a similar fluency from the choreographer. Van Manen has set this movement for two leading couples, two couples who have half-soloist prominence and an ensemble of four more couples. Only rarely are they all brought together; usually they succeed each other in quick entries, based largely on pirouettes and arabesques, circling or travers-ing the stage, with one begin-ning almost before the other is

over. Such flow of classical dance invention is not new for this choreographer. It was seen early in his career, notably in the Stravinsky Symphony in Three Movements, and has been the preoccupation of his recent works to nineteenth-century romantic music. In the Octet it has acquired a new sharpness and speed which ing New York City Ballet's avoid an anti-climax, but com recent Paris season.

It is a singularity of Van Manen's work that, although keenly interested in the qualities of individual dancers, he has never concerned himself much with solos. His pre-ference is for showing the individual in relation to others. The first movement of Octet is built entirely on couples; in the Andante he retains only the more prominent of the leading couples. Alexandra Radius and Han Ebbelaar, setting them against a back-ground of the six supporting

The mood darkens here, re-flected in a change of lighting that transforms Jean-Paul Vroom's abstract backcloth (based, I think, on cloud patterns) from vernal green to dark blue. There is a recurrent motif of a fall to the floor, but used for its formal and emotional quality without any heavy

Now comes the Scherzo allegro, a kind of overture to the Midsummer Night's Dream Overture which Mendelssohn wrote a year later, and perhaps making even better use than the force of the school of the its famous successor of similar themaric material. The speed and lightness of the music, played sempre pp e staccato, produces a shimmering effect. The backcloth now becomes slate grey, to set off by contrast the dazzling brilliance of the choreography. It is written for 10 women,

those from the earlier ensemble and a supplementary earlier group, and consists of repeated brief entries, taken extraor-dinarily fast and based largely on grands jetes; swift soaring leaps, again in crossing or circling parterns. The cumulative effect has an overwhelming physical excitement like the climax of Lander's Etudes, but applied with infinitely more refinement and subtlety of

poser and choreographer have both gathered their strength for a Presto finale that rounds off the work handsomely. Van Manen even begins it with a little joke for cognoscenti, as Henny Juriëns makes an entry like Ashton's Oberon before the last of the Scherzo women has left the stage. He women has left the stage. He and Jeanette Vondersaar (a long-limbed new soloist of smiling ease) were the second leading couple of the first movement; they now initiate a swirling pattern of movement which gradually involves all the other dancers.

the other dancers. The dancers of the Dutch National Ballet, their technique already refreshed and their sense of style alerted by new revivals of Balanchine's Four Temperaments and Le Tom beau de Couperin, responded with crisp attack to the speed and intricacy of the dances. Musically, 100, it was a reward

lands Ballet Orchestra. Another new work on the same programme, Jeux, is to some extent a pièce d'occasion. with a role created to mark the fortieth anniversary of Johan Mittertreiner's stage debut. The choreographer, Toer van Schayk, disclaims any hidden meanings, but you will get some idea of the ballet's complexity if I say that Mirtertreiner's part suggests some times a deferential old garden er, once a pet dog, and occa-sionally the god Pan.

ing performance with Adam Gatehouse, on loan from Ballet

Rambert, conducting the string octet drawn from the Nether

Maria Aradi plays convincingly the rather chic woman of the world who begins the work by coming into the garden at night to pick up the children's toys, and subsequently leads the ambiguously assorted quin-tet of dancers. Van Schayk's playful and intriguing action incorporates poses from pictures of Nijinsky's ballet to The Magic Drum Lyttelton _ ___

Irving Wardle

After importing eminent foreign companies playing world authors, the Lyttelton's visitors' policy now yields its first regional repertory show a children's play from the Leicester Phoenix, which, as it hap-pens, is the most imaginatively staged production I have yet seen in this house. That, I must add, should not

audience recommendation. Announced as suitable for children aged between five and 11, James Kirkup's text is a fable n the Chinese manner concerning a peasant couple who receive a heavenly child, who himself receives the divine gift of a drum whose sound enchants the Emperor with dire results to its owner, who is pursued over the mountain snows and perishes in a river, finding eventual reunion with his cherished instrument after

Some points of the tale are not clear to me (why should Tenko's parents refuse to give him a drum; and why need he sbandon his prize instead of going to play for the Emperor?), and I imagine that a good many of yesterday's young audience were as baffled as my own five-year-old.

Taken on a more elevated plane, the story offers a curious

echo of the Orpheus myth, compressing the lyre and the be-loved into a single object. And

whatever the narrative obstacles, nobody could be bored by Michael Bogdanov's staging, which adopts Chinese convention with extreme precision and inventiveness.

The set consists of a single property: a circular disc like a drum-skin, which functions both as a sky-cloth and silhouette screen. Hand-props, apart from musical instruments, the company supplying all their own accompaniments, include little beyond bamboo poles and draperies, used with continually astonishing fertility. Flags, for instance, serve as inner-stage curtains, as weapons, roof-beams and cottage walls, and, under Paul Bannister's lighting, as unleashed elemental forces.

The company, taking their cue from Derek Hollis's storyteller, combine lucidly dis-passionate performance with displays of physical skills, wrestling, conjuring, dance : and in climaxes such as the first-act thunderstorm or the mountain chase, with whirling flags and billowing silken sheets, Mr Bogdanov stunningly couples conventionalized austerity with sophisticated sound and lighting, Children are supposed to approach the theatre through narrative; but this kind of sensuous impact provides a possible alternative route.

Tickets are still available for the April 7 and April 9 per-formances.

One Friday Westminster

Ned Chaillet

Edmund Banyard's One Friday is devotional, a musical meditation on Christian doubt. In the mind of a prisoner awaiting execution in an unnamed country the passion of Christ is revisited with fellow prisoners, guards, wife, mother and, of all things, the prison tea lady, taking the parts of the biblical story.

Time and manners are blurred in the telling: Pilate is represented by a guard with a swathe of royal cloth over his guard's uniform; the Resurrection is discounted by a team of cynical reporters; the citizens who call for Barabbas to be released are described as a "Caiphas rent-a-crowd". Like the medieval miracle plays the language reflects the present and the biblical words that appear are much more modern than those in the King James

Music is also crucial to Mr Banyard's message. Fifteen songs and two reprises move the action from the prison to Peter's denial of Christ, to the words spoken from the Cross,

to the Resurrection and back to the profane cell. The doomed prisoner, Thomas Messenger, a doubter like his namesake, links the passages with readings from the Bible and from his notefaith to face his own death on a Richard Manuel, who plays Messenger, keeps his single level of intensity by wrinkling his brow and clasping his Bible; it is a passive part, except when he can sing and he fails to ex-tend a life into his totem character. The other actors shift, find their dramatic footing in one character, only to lose it elsewhere, but there are nicely realized moments from Mason Taylor as a drill sergeant and from Ruth Madoć who portrays Mary Magdalene and who is powerful effective when she

The songs by Edmund and Philip Banyard and Kathleen Johnson, are extremely varied in effectiveness. The more melodramatized tunes, staged for all their emotional content by John Dryden, seem surpris-ingly strong, but the production numbers, such as "Keep Your Kingdom", are forcedly cheer-ful and clumsily ironic and the words rarely merit attention. There is a nicely humorous moral song in "I've Said it Before ".

Jimmy Raney Shaw

Richard Williams

The Camden Jazz Festivel's passion for catholicity of proproductive, rather than giving an enlightened view of the several generations of its subject. Last night, in the second of its six concerts this week, the festival presented a mixture which, while piquant on paper, proved puzzlingly flat in the

tasting. Jimmy Raney is an American guitarist, a shadowy product of post-war jazz, whose reputation far exceeds his recorded out-put. Accompanied by his son, Doug, on second guitar, and two local musicians, bassist Dave Green and drummer Trevor Tompkins, he warmed slowly to his task but event-ually semiled into the fluent ually semiled into the fluent style characteristic of his era, dependent on endless strings of semi-quavers. Phrases which began with bravura flurries too often petered out through exhaustion rather than plan-

Doug Raney, by contrast, resembled in bearing and playing style the young Robert Mitchum, laconic to the point of reluctance. At least he brought some variety of attack and phrase-structure but neither

guitarist appeared to pay any great attention to the promptings of their accompanists and the result was a curious emotional anaemia.

pianist, played a brief solo set which displayed a real gift for cascading right-hand runs and a fashionable ability to juxtapose the most far-flung idioms, but his music seemed always to be moving crabwise and never towards the heart: The meat of the evening

came, not unexpectedly, from the reunion of Chris McGregor's Blue Notes. Their rambling dis-cursive performance at least focused on some of the genuine virtues of jazz, and although the contributions of the brilliant alto saxophonist Dudu Puk-wana were mostly confined to unfinished sentences and unre-lated paragraphs, his ragged phrasing and corrosive tone dispelled the evening's prevailing sterility. One duet with bassist Johnny Dyani, the saxophone crying against slow, shuddering pizzicato figures, was unforgetabh dramatic.

Unfortunately the event was recorded for television by a BBC crew which showed scant courtesy to the audience. One cameraman provided moments of high comedy by following Pukwana across every inch of the stage, until the musician retaliated by blowing a raspberry in the offender's ear and hiding under the plane.

Riders To The Sea Sadlers Wells

Paul Griffiths

Vaughan Williams's Riders To The Sea, which closed last night's double bill by students of the Royal Northern College of Music is an excellent oneact opera for young singers. But there are not many such works, and it was wise of the college to commission a companion from a member of their staff, Brian Hughes, the Welsh com-

He in turn was wise to set his hand to light comedy rather than my to match the doom of Riders. As it turned out his Stars and Shadows was a pleasing complement and an entertaining piece in its own right. I must admit that when Mr Hughes's opera opened with a

pastiche of Stravinsky pastiche my heart sank. Yet soon the piece was snapping happily in other directions, wittily illustrating the turns performed by young people auditioning for a pantomime. I could have done without some of the gushing about the massic of the theory. about the magic of the theatre and most of the finale, where the heroice takes the trail to of amareur talent, however, the opera was a hit.

opera was a art.

It also served its purpose well, providing a large cast with varied roles, thanks to the ingenuity of both the composer and his librettist, Ursula Vaughan Williams. So numerous were the characters, indeed that it would be difficult and unfair to mention individuals: all were very competent and several showed great spirit. The composer conducted what was always an alert performance. Joseph Ward was the producer.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

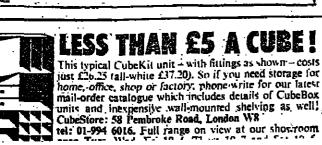
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Fear that Rhodesian statement implies recipe for delay: Dr Owen prepared to visit Salisbury

Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, stated during question time that on his visit to South Africa he would be having talks with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister. He added that although he had no plans for visiting Rhodesia, if the situation

ing knodesa. If the studeon appeared to warrant it he would be prepared to go.
Replying to questions, Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab) said he hoped to find a suitable basis for pressing aggregations, that for resuming negotiations that would lead to a peaceful transition to majority rule in 1978.
This would be the chief topic of his forthcoming visit to Africa and a major subject to be discussed at the end of the week in Lordon with Secretary Vance.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—The statement by the Rhodesian government vestertly shows Mr Smith is still prepared to two-year transition to majority rule under certain cendi-The time has come for the

The time has come for the Government to establish an authoritative British presence in Rhodesia which would help to work out arrangements for the interim government period, includ-ing arrangements for the electron of an African leader for that

ment.
The problem about that statement was that, as I understood it, he was adding the read-read majority rule period to the date of the formation of the interim government.

This is a recipe for indefinite delay. The world, and the British Government, expects the two-year period to majority rule to start from the time Mr Smith himself from the time Mr Smi made this commitment. We have asked for majority rule to start from March, 1978.

Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid-Bedfordshire, C1-Now that the Geneva initiative has indisputably failed, the only course is to invite the Rhodesians to produce their own solution. When something suitable and reasonable has been put forward we should seek to impose some form of plebiscite, perhaps with American help. Is not Bishop Muzorewa perhaps the most hopeful figure on the African side?

Dr Owen- vir Hastings is advocatlog an internal solution. The United Stries Government has firmly said they do not believe that would be the way forward; that is also the view of the British Government.

Rhodesian opinion goes much wider than those who are currently in Rhodesia. What is needed in Rhodesia is a stable solution that will last, nor something which is produced which does not meet the legitimate aspirations of the black people for black majority rule in a period of time after free elections. That is what is at issue.

Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler (North-West Norfolk, C)— Does Dr Owen imagine he will actrieve what he calls a stable solurion if he has ruled out the possibi-lity of any discussions with Mr Smith in Rhodesia on his forthcoming visit to Southern Africa?
I understand from his earlier reply he has ruled out the possibl-lity of a permanent British repre-centative in Rhodesla and the pro-sibility of some reference in the people to determine

ruled out three drings I have not ruled out, I have certainly not ruled out the establishment of a British presence in Rhodesia but I do not think it is appropriate at the present moment.

Consulting Rhodesian opinion is

The Government would systematically take human rights consideration into account and give high

priority to them as part of the many factors that had to be considered when making foreign policy decisions, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshal-

ton, C) suggested, in view of Dr Owen's speech of March 3, in which he laid considerable stress

on morality and reality, that he should publish his department's league table of human rights in

Dr Owen-No. I do not intend to publish a list. This is one of the considerations we have to take into

account when we decide to look systematically at human rights— whether the mere existence of such

a list would cause problems in relations between the Government and other governments.

The decision was taken to do tiris

as the only way of being serious about human rights on the strict understanding that we would not

Lord Sandford (C), for the Oppo-tition, opening a debate on the problems at the hearts of cities, said symptoms of the malaise were many and included a sense of dec-line and decay and a feeling that the community had disintegrated.

Among the causes were dum clearance policies and new town

development policies which were, ironically, designed to help. Each had had serious and injurious due effects by causing the disintegration and the impoverishment of

communities.
The inner city could not be eliminated because, despite the rundown appearance of the houses and empty factories, the vandalism and aimlessness of the communities, there were physical and capital assets and human taleats which had been neglected. They

must be regenerated. The best course was to adopt an overall departmental approach, it must be

possible to devise a plan of com-

Lady Robson of Kiddington (L)

orehensive management.

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who should lead an interim govern.

cuss. This is best done when one recognizes that Rhodesian opinion goes outside the confines of Rho-We need a settlement that will cease guerrilla action and will produce peace and stability around Rhodesia's borders.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—Since Mr Smith first made a commitment to majority rule within two years he has sought every opportunity to slide out of that commitment. His Statement vesterday leads to the final repudiation by Smith of majority rule within two years.

In these circumstances, how can In these circumstances, how can there possibly be a peaceful solu-

Dr Owen-Mr Hughes's reading is I wish to have discussions with Mr Smith in Cape Town and I bope he will think hard before be rules out the possibility of majority rule in two years, ie. majority rule in

1978. Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—Will his conversations with the front line presidents include the possibility of an international peace-keeping force from the United Nations or Commonwealth in Rhodesia?

Dr Owen—I hope he is right in his one of the owen—I am prepared to connecepretation of Mr Smith's state-sult and discuss any aspect of the sult and discuss any aspect of the situation but it is a fact of life, whether we like it or not, that if whether we like it or not, that it would not be possible to put at United Notions peace-keeping force in Rhodesia. We have to accept the realities of the situation, harsh as they may be.

There may come a time when such a force may have a stabilizing influence, but I think that that would be out of the question now. One has to look at it when the circumstances arise.

Mr Reginald Maudling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—As what matters are the wishes of the people of Rhodesia, to whom we are responsible, why these he rule out an internal solution? Dr Owen-There are dangers in talking about an internal solution; it has become the shorthand term for a solution which does not have the approval of all those people representing black nationalist opinion. It is a way to rule out those black nationalists outside Rhodesia but is a recipe for con-tinued violence and commung

guerrilla activities round the borders of Rhodesia. What is surely to be hoped is that black Africaus should combine together to fight democratic elec-tions in Rhodesia under a supervised system we can all recognize and I hope that that is what MPs on all sides want to see.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—The first thing he has to estab-lish is whether Mr Smith is still committed to African majority rule in two years. This is not the first time there has been ambiguity by Mr Smith on constitutional mat-

any constitutional settlement will be doomed to disaster as has been proved in the past and it is vital, therefore. 10 have a referendum not only to choose a leader but on any interim agreement put for-

ward. Dr Owen—l agree it is fundamental that there should be African con-

stability.

I. like him, hope that Mr Smith really does mean two years for majority rule from the time he made that important statement, for which I pay tribute to Dr Kissinger for bringing forward.

The danger seems to be Mr

A little inconsistency from time to time

the price of championing human rights

publish it. That remains my deci-

sion.
Some views were held publicly

and some privately, he added in reply to a further question about

My abhorrence of apartheid (he said) is public and I will say it wherever I am.

Mr Reginald Maudling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—What action will the Foreign Secretary take about British subjects at present imprisoned in Angola for no crime known to international law?

Dr Owen-It is important to try to

get our relations with Angola on a better foring. This is something I would wish to see. A lot of repre-

sentations have been made over

this issue, so far unsuccessfully.

The overall thing is to improve

our relations with Angola and then

some consequences may flow from that. I understand Mr Maudling's concern, which I share.

Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East

Hernordshire, C)—Does his reference to everywhere include action

speech, said he had been a deve-loper all his life. The solution to regeneration of inner urban areas was basically to introduce means of employment by building fac-

The Bishop of Birmingham said they should encourage and make much fuller use of existing volun-

much fuller use of existing volun-tary social agencies and should try to revive or generate a spirit of civic pride which would permit none of them to turn a blind eye on the black spots defacing their cities or dispute where the avail-able resources should first be applied.

Lady Gaitskell (Lab) said emphasis should be put on giving access to housing to low income earners. Lord Redcliffe-Mand (Ind) said

there should be a continuing royal commission on cities. Anything which could be done for the inner cities must be part of a wider policy for the city region and the entire country. The commission

part. This is a recipe for inexcus-able delay and would be unaccep-table to world opinion and both sides of the House.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford C)—His continued and repeated references to Rhodeslans outside Rhodesia seem to put into question adherence to the fifth principle which was that a settlement could only be achieved with the consent and agreement of the people of and agreement of the people of Rhodesia as a whole. Surely this is the essential background on which to base a solution?

In these circumstances, does he nor think that the suggestions, that we should be sensible enough to we should be sensible enough to realize that whatever Mr Smith thinks, we should have a presence in Rhodesia able to guide us on how to consult with majority opinion as a whole, is essential? Does he not think that would be the most welcome outcome of his risk to Africa? visit to Africa?

br Owen—I confirm that what he says about the Rhodesian people is strongly my view. I was drawing attention to some of the Rhodesians outside but we must never forget the vast bulk of the population to be consulted are still inside. non to be consulted are still inside Rhodesia, both white and black.

In any possible solution we should have a situation where white Rhodesians would be happy and content to stay and contribute to Rhodesia's peace and stability.

There are arguments for a British presence. I have an open mind on this and I have not closed the door to such a presence. There is no doubt we are not as fully in-formed as we would wish on Rho-desia and some way of achieving this would be of benefit But clearly this cannot involve formal recognition of a regime that is illegal and in rebellion against the Crown. If some form of compromise could be reached I would consider that.

When Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C) asked if the Foreign Secretary would visit Rhodesia, Dr Owen replied: I for my part stand ready at any time to go anywhere and talk to anyone if I judge that it will make a germine contribution for a peaceful settlement. I have no plans for visiting Rhodesia but if the situation appeared to warrant it I would, of course, be recovered to go.

Mr Brotherton—Would not now be a suitable time to go and would he not gain a great deal more from Rhodesians, both black and white there, rather than meeting President Podgorny's friends, particu-larly those barbouring and com-foring murdering guerrillas? Dr Owen—I am seeing all forms of opinion, I am seeing all forms of opinion, I am seeing all forms of Cape Town I do not now judge it right to go to Rhodesia but I do not exclude that possibility. A lot will exclude that possibility. A lot will depend on the reception and cir-cumstances and what is said in South Africa.

All I hope is that Mr Smith will not keep to the line he appeared to be pursuing in his statement yesterday.

Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C)—
Whatever we may feel about Mt
Smith's record he has over the last
few weeks introduced measures to
ease racial tension in spine of
strong European opposition there
and when Dr Owen goes to South
Africa will he acknowledge this
and give some encouragement to and give some encouragement to

sent and that was accepted by the Opposition when in government.

This is a necessary ingredient for in all honesty, the difficulty some in all honesty, the difficulty some people in Rhodesia seem to have over the Land Apportionment Act is but a guat compared with what they are going to have to accept under majority rule. under majority rule.

The resistance and difficulty some found over this does not augur well for a commitment to majority rule in the timescale we are discussing.

proper pressures to bear outside and also in regard to work on the

possible formulation of a charter of rights in the socio-economic context within the Community, fol-lowing the action taken by the common declaration of the three

Dr Owen-A lot of work has been

done on the common declaration and I am due to sign it formally in Brussels on April 5. I hope we will

look at human rights wherever they exist and not excluding the

European Community.

The price of championing human rights is a little inconsistency from time to time. That means there are

going to be occasions where there

is a strong case for public denun-ciation when, for a variety of other

reasons—economic, political and social—one does it privately. We rill not always be consistent.

No doubt Mr Bernard Levin will

have a lot to say about these alleged inconsistencies.

Mr James Callaghan said in a written reply that in view of the Secretary of State for the Environ-

ment's responsibilities for the administration of legislation affect-

ing wild life and its conservation, tunctions exercised under the Pro-

tection of Birds Acts are to be transferred to him.

Royal Assent was signified to the following Acts: Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions), International Finance, Trade and Ard. Nuclear Industry (Finance). Job Release. Representation of the Popular Tourn and Company

Release. Representation of the People. Town and Country Planming (Scotland), General Rare (Public Utilides). Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit), British Airways Board.

The Emu Wine Holdings and Substidiory Companies Bill and the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill passed their remaining stages.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, form-erly Mr George Thomson an EEC Commissioner for regional policy, was introduced.

Parliamentary notices

Today at 2.30: British Transport Docks Bill, and City of London (Various Powers) Bill, third reading, derchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC com-mittee report on Regional Development Fund.

House of Commons

House of Lords

Protection of birds

Royal Assent

New peer

Farm package did not offer sufficient advantages to UK

The final package on EEC agricul-tural support prices for the next 12 months did not offer sufficient months did not offer sufficient advantages for the United Ring-dom and therefore was rejected, Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, said. He was reporting on the five-day meeting of agriculture ministers in Brussels which ended yesterday morning. The Parliament Secretary (Mr Gavin Strang) represented the United Kingdom.

United Kingdom.

Mr Silkin said: The Council did not reach agreement on Community agricultural support prices for 1977-78 and discussion will be resumed at the next meeting in Luxembourg on April 25 and 26. The consequence is that the EEC common support prices and the United Kingdom's guaranteed price for milk and the target price for beef under the beef premium scheme remain anchanged for the present. At the request of France, Ireland and Italy, the Council accepted changes in the green currencies of

those countries.

Eight member states would have been able to agree on a final package of changes from the Commission's original proposals, including slightly bigger price increases. In a long and hard session Mr Strang maintained that we would only be prepared to accept the changes in common prices and a small decommon prices and a small decommon prices and a small decommon prices and a small de-valuation of the green pound if there were adequate compensating action of food prices in the United Kingdom. In this connexion the United Kingdom put forward pro-posals for a butter subsidy which would have achieved this and also helped to dispose of part of the Community's expensive butter surplus.
Unfortunately the final package did not offer sufficient advantages to the United Kingdom and we

were ther Mr John Peyton,

therefore not prepared to Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Yeovil. C)—What would the minister be prepared to accept? It is hard for

us to see who has cained anything

from this rather prolonged and obviously bitter argument?

On the proposed butter subsidy, what is the cash amount separating what he has been offered by the Council of Ministers and what he has been asking for on behalf of the Government.

His streement will be particularly distressing to producers of pigmeat whose problems seem to remain in the air despite the almost calamitous reverses they have suffered over recent months.

Beef producers will now face some fairly serious consequences as a result of the further devaluation of the Irish green pound, white he may have a difficult task in these negotiations, producers feel he has consistently let them down. (Conservative cheers and Labour cries of "Rubbish".)

Mr Silkin—It is a bit difficult to

Mr Silkin—It is a bit difficult to say exactly what one would accept as a package when it contains something like 40 different regula-

something like 40 different regula-tions. The package had to be accepted in its entirety. Once you start disentangling that package and say I will accept this and that, you get into a position where nobody accepts anything. The package as a whole was unacceptable for the simple reason unacceptable for the simple reason that what was being offered to the United Kingdom which alone among the Nine had an interest in preserving prices at the lowest reasonable level both for producera and consumers, was totally out of all proportion to the price that would have been paid.

The final offer on butter amounted to a subsidy averaging out over the year of 7p per pound in the United Kingdom for a price that was at least 50 per cent higher than that. I did not regard that as a very good deal from the point of view of the United Kingdom. (Labour theers.)

(Libour cheers.)
I understand the difficulties of producers. Had agreement been reached in Brussels on this price package yesterday it would have been the quickest agreement ever to be reached at Council meetings. The Commission brought in their

proposals about two or three months later than normal and they had to go to the European Assembly for their view only a day before the five-day marathon we were engaged in took place. It would always have been difficult. It is the inevitable result of the price negotiations not being completed. They soldom are would always have been difficult for meat producers, I freely admit that. It is the inevitable result of the price negotiations not being completed. They soldom are would always have been difficult for meat producers, I freely admit that. It is the inevitable result of the price negotiations not being completed. They soldom are producers and the producers of the completed in March.

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Mr. Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab)—Mr. Silkin and the Prime Minister should make steps radically to change or abolish the CAP because that is the tiling accept the Commission's propo-

A: least we were able to end one fairy story which I hope will never come again in this House and that was that all we had to do was so offer detailuation of the green pound and the pigmeat MCAs would be recalculated. The Danes made clear that whatever we did to the green pound they regarded the reculculating of pigment MCs as intolerable.

Peyton—Would he answer the question about the cash amount separating what was offered on the butter subsidy and what he has asked for? Am I right in thinking it amounts to about a quarter of a penny? This is a small amount compared with the effect of some of the proposals the Chancellor of the Exchequer made yesterday covering fuel of and petrol. Mr Silkin-One would have had to

look at the whole package. While one might be willing to accept one part one would not be able to accept another. The cash differences remained considerable at the end of the day and rightly remained so. Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—He will both deserve and receive the overwhelming support of the British public—(Labour cheers)—if he continues to resist uncompromisingly the Cazy policies of this ridiculous organization. (Cheers and langhter.)

Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan, L)—The price of butter has gone up 55 per cent in the last 12 months and this cannot go on. What plans has he for the beef producers who are to lose 530 if they sell their cattle in the month of April?

Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab) Mr Silkin should accept the congratulations of most people in the House and country who regard his conduct and that of his colleague as a marked countast to the supline nature of the negotiations in 1970 and 1972 and for that the represendations in 1974. matter the renegotiations in 1974. (Labour cheers.) Behind that hies the whole question of the end price obsession of the Common Market

Mr Silkin-This question of the end price is why we have a butter mountain of 200,000 townes and why unless steps are taken now it why unless steps are taken now a will grow and grow until nobody knows what on earth to do with a and we see the end of this policy. Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C)-

Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C)— This delay in coming to an agree-ment is a serious matter in terms of confidence for the production of food and to halt the drop in production. Mr Silkin has sac-rificed home production and the British farmer for the consumer. When one bears in mind that what is needed is less than 1 per cent increase in the cost of food in tha-long term what he has done is a serious matter.

Mr Silkin—His figures are wrong. The figure is 3p in the pound. To those who are paying bills and on lower incomes that is a great deal. Any delay for British producers is difficult for them, but I baffere they, like the rest of the Community, would prefer a fair package rather than a bad one. I want to say this to Conserva-tive MPs. We have been told that willy nully we should have accepted the Commission's first package. Had we done so that would have

bir Sifkin—I have never disguised my view of the CAP. Over the last five day: and nights my aim was to stop an oppressive price rise, which Conservative MPs support, from taking place at the expense of the British housewife.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (North Angus and Mearns, C)—What message has he for pig producers who are currently producing every pig at a financial loss and for beef producers who will have to face an additional export subsidy from ireland?

Mr Silkin—One of the things that must be done is a communance of the variable beef premium. On that I remained firm. The pigment subsidy I announced recently remains. Mrs Gweneth Dunwoody (Crewe, Lab)—He should point out nut only to the consumer but produce only to the consumer out producer that unless he gets radical revaluation particularly of the dally aspects of the CAP we shall be in a worse situation in 12 months man we are at the moment, and it is the farming community that will now for it. pay for it.

Mr Silkin—She is right. If the prices of farmers' commodities go up their consumption goes down. This is proven again and again. It Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leomin. ter. C)—Inputers damage is being done to our credibility in Europe by the Government and their supporters constantly dragging their feet on European matters.

Mr Silkin—I prefer our present position to total invisibility in Europe.

Mr Mills later unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate.

Wage rises must be limited to less than 10 per cent: Chancellor urged to consult nation

Sir Geoffrey Howe, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C). said, when the debate on the Budget was resumed, that in one respect the Chancellor had been constant to himself, in his three years as Chancellor, because he had demonstrated from beginning to end his infinite capacity to snatch the appearance of victory out of the jaws of defeat.

It was difficult to see how matters could have been worse without the Chancellor. Under him prices the Chancettor. Onder mm prices had gone up by 70 per cent, take-home pay down by 9 per cent, industrial production down by 2 per cent, public expenditure up 100 per cent and income tax up 140 per cent. Bankruptles and liquidations had more than doubled and in the had more than doubled and in the last quarter of last year were a record at 1,876. Unemployment had gone up by more than 750,000, The Opposition welcomed the fact that although in 1974 he had embarked on a massive increase in public expenditure, in the past year he had been trying to do the opposite. He had put the standard rate of income tax up from 30 to 35 per cent but now planned to

reduce it. I congratulate Mr Healey (he went on) on an unprecedented abandonment of almost every policy on which he and his party arrived in office.

Tribune Group share our delight with that of the managing director of British Leyland and the chairman of the National Enterprise Board who will each be receiving as a result of this £17.61 extra a most in their nay narkets, equivaweek in their pay packets, equiva-lent, as Mr Healey used to say to Lord Barber some years ago, to a gross pay increase of £5,388 a year.

The Opposition welcomed that process of re-education of the Labour Party as far as it went. The benefits to charities, overseas earn-ings, investment income surcharge and the modest movement in tax thresholds were all welcome. But Mr Healey had hardly begun to repair the damage he had wrought since he went to the

The principle of indirect taxaburdening of the motorist could not be endorsed. The 10 per cent rate of VAI should never have been abandoned in the first place. The reality was that the first place. The reality was that the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre had been, and still was, gravely limited by the total volume of spending to which the Governmen; remained committed.

The responsibility for the destruction of the Chancellor's counter-inflation policy rested fairly and squarely on his own shoulders. There were few MPs who believed the Government could, or neieved the Government could, or should, maintain a long-term detailed regulation of pay bargaining. Short of the gravest emergency no acceptable or even effective machinery was likely to succeed. Almost certainly it would end up by destroying itself. They had to get through a period of transition to a world which was

free from direct Government into ference in pay bargaining. That period of transition had to be one of greater flexibility to allow room for the compressed spring of differentials to macoil. Yet at the same time they had to recognize the need for restraint tor without restraint in pay bargaining the alternative must be higher un-

In these circumstances it was the In these circumstances it was the duty of Government, and one which the Chancellor had neglected, first, to see that the money supply was firmly controlled, secondly, to see that the Government's own deficit was controlled; thirdly, to see that the case limits for their expenditure were controlled; and fourthly, that the sum available within those cash limits for public sector pay was considered. tor public sector pay was equally tirmly controlled.

There must be no room for doubt in the public sector, as in the private sector, about the inescapable conflict between higher pay and fewer jobs.

A pay agreement would be more likely to work and to be accepted without severe social consequences if the inescapable consequences of the policy were clearly understood. Probably the most important con-sequence was that the total sum available to finance higher money

pay without higher unemployment was, would be, and must be, strictly limited in present circum-stances to a single figure. Mr Healey must seek that understanding from the nation and no one in the Conservative Opposition would do anything to dis-turb the success in achieving that understanding in consultation with the nation. This must be Mr Healey's objective whether or not he got a deal of the familiar semi-private kind of the last year

The Government, and only they could, must and would control in-flation. Trade union leaders and members alike had to release their responsibility for limiting the level ards connected with the Liberal Party. If he tried to repeat pre-cisely the formula of last year be would have to work hard to per-

suade the leader of the Liberals (Mr Steel) about the legitimacy of the process he was engaged in. On April 7 last year, Mr Steel was reported as saying that Mr Healey's conditional tax relief was a constitutional consense and thinks. constitutional outrage and this represented the smack of weak

It was not easy to see whether the Liberal Party and both wings of the Labour Party could ever come to make common cause rogether. They were all big spend-ers. As the balance of payments improved, domestic credit expan-sion control became less offective and unemployment remained such bornly high, the temptation to all these three groups to expand government spending would become dangerously attractive and

The Liberals were fond of saying that they had a clear alternative to Conservatism and Socielism. Last conservatism and Socialism. Last week the House had the privilege of discovering exactly what that alternative was—escapism. (Conservative laughter.) The country could not afford to give the Liberal Party any opportunity to join the Government in trying to escape down a high spending road.

i have (he said) a great deal more confidence in the effective-ness of the IMP in its capacity as the parole board for the Chancel-lor than I have in Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) In his capac-(North Cornwan, L) in ma capacity as a trainee probation officer.
(Loud Conservative laughter.)
It will be the purpose of the party for which I speak (be continued) before the Chancelor is set at dangerous liberty by the IMF, to ensure that he does not

Negotiations continue in hospital dispute

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health and Social Secur-ity (Lewisham, East, Lab), in a statement on the Surrey hospital dispute outlined steps taken to in-

ouspute outsides steps taken to in-trace talks.

Replying to a private notice question by Sir Peter Rawlinson (Epsom and Ewell, C), he said that it would not be helpful to comment further while negotiations con-tinued.

He deplored the savage personal attack which he said had been

attack which he said had hern made yesterday by a certain new-paper on the General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, Mr lack lones. Mr Jones has a fine record the said) of campaigning in the cause of the elderly and in relation to this dispute has done nothing to conflict with that record.

Officials of the prion have taken Officials of the union have taken steps to ensure that picketing is kept within the proper bounds and that essential supplies are allowed

Sir Peter Rawlinson—How abhor-rent it is to the public, including many members of other trade unions working in those hospitals, that a mere duty roster dispute should lead to some of the most unfortunate peoole in our society, the elderly and young mentally

deficient, suffering.

Can the minister confirm that there have been, as suspected by many people, serious breaches of the law. What does he mean when he says that somebody will ensure that there is proceeding nicketing. that there is peaceful picketing. Should not all picketing be peaceful, and is it not true that we should not tolerate picketing which is not peaceful?

Mr Moyle-We should concentrate on the fact that the parties are meeting to resolve the dispute and not make the situation worse by raking up what might have happened in previous parts of the dispute. It is essential to ensu that dicketing is proceeding and that that picketing is peaceful and that has been achieved.

Mr Dennis Spinner (Rolsover, the Dennis Skinner (Boister).

Leb)—It takes two to create a dispute and two to strike a reasonable bargain. This clamour has been raised by the Conservatives and the media who have been cam-paigning for massive public expenditure curs resulting in the rundown of mental health hospitals and no possibility of building others. They should be the last to make the clamour.

Mr Moyle-I agree that it always takes more than one to make a dispute but negotiations and discussions are proceeding. We should leave the parties to get on with them

Mr Carol Mather (Esher, C)-The strike was subsequently declared official. Does Mr Moyle condems such action? Do normal procedures for appeal against dismissal coilst? Is there a subsequent appeal to industrial tribunals? If so, why has the procedure been bypassed? Mr Movie-Appeal on grounds of

outside the Whitey Council or outside the Whitey Council or other machinery for the resolution of disputes is the last resort. We should make every attempt to see that disputes are sertled within the organization in which they occur in the first place.

The important thing is that the parties are meeting yound the parties are meeting round the

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C)—Many of my constituents with retaires in the hospital are grateful to the press, particularly the Daily Mail, for drawing Mr Jack-Jones's attention to the crimes against humanity committed in the name of his union and are grateful that there is a free press prepared to champion the cause of patients being used as payms in a routing being used as pawns in a routing Industrial dispute.

Mr Moyle-In respect of one particular newspaper report yester-day, I have no hesitation in saying that it did not help the resolution of the dispute. The leadership of Mr Jack Jones in solving the dis-pute has been nothing but helpful. pute has been nothing but helpful. Dr Gerard Vaughan, an Opposition spokesman on the social services (Reading, South, C)—In the eves of many people, the intervention of the Secretary of State (Mr Ennals) has been inadequate and too late. It is appalling that a section of the community least able to defend itself should be exposed to behaviour of this kind.

Will the minister condemn. clearly, simply and meoulyocally. clearly, simply and unequivocally, behaviour of this kind. (Labour protests and shours of "What idnd?") Is the structure of trade union negotiations adequate this kind of dispute?

Mr Moyle-Trade unions and management are negotiating and that is the essential thing to rest upon. The Secretary of State's intervention was nicely timed.

Third pay round will not be easy but essential Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to per cent first year capital allow-

Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Roymon, Lab), said to have increased VAT to 10 per cent as suggested would have put 50 per cent more on the retail price index than did the increase in excise duties in the Budget. While the duties were unpopular with many, he hoped that Sir G. Howe and others were not under the impression that an increase in VAT would be popular with housewives, given that the increase would be across the hoard. The Secretary of State for Social Services would in due course be announcing an uprating in pen-sions which met the Government's commitment to uprate no late-than November in line with prices or earnings, whichever was the greater. Other benefits would be uprated at the same time, in line with their commitment.
This Budget would be seen as an

This Budget would be seen as an important turning point in the progress towards achieving the objectives of full employment, steady economic growth and inflation to higher than that of Britain's competitors.

These objectives were dependent an improvement in their industrial. on improvement in their industrial performance and that would depend on both sides of industry. All governments could do was to create the right conditions. This Budget and the measures that preceded it had created the right conditions.

ditions.

There was in prospect a more stable financial background than stable financial background than had been seen for many years. Internally the public sector borrowing requirement was within the totals quoted in the letter of intent and there should be no difficulty financing it. On the external side, Britain's balance of payments should be improving in the second half of the year and be in surplus thereafter.

thereafter.

Domestic credit expansion would he stable within the previously set limits. The associated growth of limits. The associated growth of the money supply was expected to be within the same range of 9 to 13 per tent as had been set for this financial year. All that, plus the better balance achieved by the reduction in public expenditure, would ensure that the necessary financial resources would be available and, above all, the resources would be available at much lower rates for industry. The Covernment appreciate that in company taxation the Government and many others would ment had confirmed that the 100 the preferred no offsetting in-

ance would continue, as would stock relief. Most expanding companies would victually pay no cor-poration tax. That was what was most important for the economy. For small companies, the level of the lower rate of comporation tax had been increased to £40,000 with marginal relief going up to £50,000. Over 95 per cent of all companies

were covered by those rates. The Government had not been able to do as much as many would have liked in reducing the level of Income tax, but those who con-demned the Government for doing too little were often the same people who wanted to see a massive reduction in the public sector horrowing requirement. The greatest help they could pro-

vide for industry at this sime would be to reach a satisfactory would be to reach a satisfactory agreement on the third round of the pay policy. After not just two years but many years of different kinds of incomes policies, the widening of differentials and the utter forms of flexibility now needed would not make the achievement of the third round casy, but it was vital that they did achieve it.

Seeking to remove all the anomalies and widen all the differentials too rapidly would cause a pay explosion that would destroy all their hopes of cutting the rate of price inflation and cutting the level of unemployment. Trade union leaders understood that all too well. As the TUC economic review made clear they were not in favour of a free for all. If tIPs wanted understand the problems facing the trade union matters.

members. It was in that spirit that they It was in that spirit that they took careful note of the representations made in the TUC's economic review. They could not meet them in a number of important areas, but they had made income tax reductions, which they recognized a, being essential, and they had provided finance for selective employment measures and for some help to the construction industry through assistance to the liner city areas. inner city areas.

the crucial problem was bringing down the rate of inflation, but they lek they had to have a livide leeway to make larger cuts in direct taxa-tion. The indirect tax increases would have a minimal effect on inflation, about 1 per cent, and they had been chosen because they had the least possible effect or

employment.

Taking all we have done in the Budget (he said) including the reduction in the basic rate of income tax which we hope will be possible, I am confident that trade union leaders and, more important, their members will recognize how essential it is that we should be able to conclude a flard stage of pay policy. We should then be able to break out of the series of stopgo cycles we have been in since the war.

We have a golden opportunity to see the end of stagnation, of mov-ing to a new era of moderate but real wage increases, bringing about lower price increases, more jobs and a steady improvement of living

No real improvement would be echieved without an improvement in industrial performance. There was no better way of schieving that than by creating and maintaining the conditions he had described, namely a stable financial situation internally and extercial situation internally and exter-nally, a stable tax structure for industry that provided incentives for expansionist minded companies combined with improved personal incentives for employees, and an incomes policy which provided companies competing at home and abroad with a greater degree of certainty in relation to industrial costs. tosts.
The Opposition alternative did

not bear contemplation in current circumstances. None of them were clear about the view of the Shadow Cabinet on a voluntary incomes policy with the TUC. policy with the TUC.

The Opposition policies created such despair that they managed to bring rogether the TUC. the CBI, the City, the banking community, and Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all. No wonder there was a collective sigh of relief last Wednesday night when they lost the vote.

There could be only one way forward and that was through the policy set out by the Chancelior in his Budget statement.

Clearly living standards were not automatically improved by large increases in net take home pay. Real living standards would only be improved by a real improvement in industrial performance.

The things he had described together with increasing flow of North Sea oil provided industry with the sort of background with which it could move forward as never before. It must now be for industry to grasp the opportunity that had been provided.

Alt John Pardoe (North Cornwall. Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) said he thought it was a Budget of hope. But in the present state of the economy hope was about the only commodity they could hope

He had not been consulted about the Budget, and be denied a sug-gestion in *The Times* that he and Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) had claimed they were involved in the next pay round negotiations.

It had been easy for the Conser-

than been easy for the constructive Party to make capital out of the past policies of Mr Healey. They relied on the short public memories of Conservative errors. None could say that Mr Healey was a worse Chancellor than Lord Barber. a worse Chancellor than Lord Barber.

Income tax was too high and it was out of the control of Parliament through the insidious working of inflation. But total taxation was not too high. Britain was not heavily taxed by comparison with other nations, if just felt that way. Only Japan out of the 10 major industrialized nations had a lower proportion of national product going on taxes than Britain. Germany and France did not complain as much as Britain, but they paid a bigher proportion in tax, although less of their total tax revenue was taken in the form of income tax.

The cut in income tax onght to be massive. Reduced income tax would be enormously beneficial in would be enormously beneficial in dealing with the poverty trap and giving a boost to small businesses. Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab) said one of the most serious Lab) said one of the most serious flaws in the Budget was the failure to use any of the £2,250m in tax cuts to help children or mothers. It was they who were feeling the pinch of inflation most and who had received the least attention of successive governments. It was there that the anger was accumulating. Mothers were at their wins end to know how to feed and clothe their children.

Proposals must be acceptable to Falkland islanders The Government would not bring Islands, including sovereignty, may Mr. Peter Tapsell, for the Opposition (Horncastle, C)—Can he con-

proposals before the Commons affecting the future of the Falkamenting in these were not acceptable to the Falkland Islanders, Mr. Edward Rowlands. Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Merthyz Tyofii, Lab), said.

Regiving to a number of questions on the subject, he said: We are considering whether negotations on the funire of the Faikland

Sir Nigel Fisher (Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton, C).—Can he assure us there will be no change in the sovereignny of the Falkland Islands without full consent of the islanders and that no pressure will be put on them by the Government for any such change against their wishes? reisher? Mr Rowlands—We have given full Mr Rowlands—No land can be assurances on this.

firm, so as to allay some amarties stemming from press reports, that stemming from press reports, that attended of Argentine business interests to gain control of the land of the Falkiand Islands would require the authority of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs which would be withheld?

without the permission of the Falk-land Islands Government itself; the British Government would not support such a move. Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—What aspect of sovereignty as negotiable?

Mr Rowlands—That is one of the major difficulties of reconciling the almost preconcilable. Until we have had the discussions, I cannot freeze the control of forecast what the outcome of the

would first review present assumptions about the future form of said capital should he given to small cooperative enterprises to enable them to get off the ground. cities in the light of past experi-ence and the mistakes by which communities had been uprooted. Lady Phillips (Lab) said if inner cities were to be made good places Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said the in which to live and raise children the philosophy must be "Small is only way to tackle the problem was by positive action to rehabilitare The tower block, vast the dwellings which could be res-tored and to bring in new commer-cial enterprise. area de-personalized the human being and created problems.

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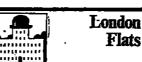
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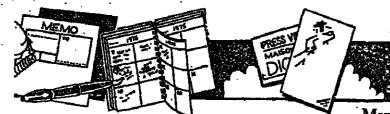
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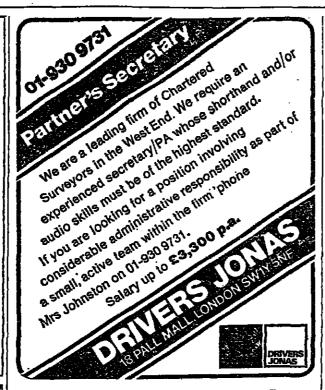
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"The policy has always been to provide for the stan-dard of living out of public expenditure, leaving the ordinary wage earner to provide, out of his wage packer, only for the less essential parts of his standard of living (my

As for all this bother about the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, it would not be necessary to have a high level of borrowing if only public expenditure covered all the expenditure covered all the essential things, since it could then quite simply be paid for all our of income tax. In short, said Mr Lyon, it

tax cuts that gave the average wage-earner no more than 52.00 a week at the cost of 52,000m of public expenditure which could have provided better education, health and social services.

It was a pity that Mr Lyon's message was delivered to an audience on the Labour side of no more than two backbenchers but because they think that and two front benchers. For their earning power does give

exposes the essential nature of the contradiction at the heart of the Labour Party's approach to was a recognition that the political reality.
What it boiled down to was a

plea for the genuine socialist state in which the individual worker is humoured by being given pocket money with which to pay for the things that do not so much matter, at any rate in the eyes of Mr Lyon, leaving that state to look after the big things.

Quite how Mr Lyon would deal with food and clothes

deal with food and clothes, which one would have thought come naturally into private come naturally into private spending, was not specified—though he did say, in itemizing all the things that the state supplies: "We now provide a considerable share of housing expenditure and, although on a declining basis, some of the average worker's food."

Apart from food, part of the housing bill, furniture and clothes, the rest of what a man pays for himself, according to Mr Lyon "is either luxury or quasi-luxury. It is not part of the essential items in his standard of living ".

Mr Lyon's is, indeed, one way of running a state and it is as well to be reminded of it. Whether such a system can be reconciled with liberty and whether the average citizen and trade unionist would settle happily for the pocket money existence, except under state compulsion, I doubt.

Why, after all, are so many trade unionists campaigning to get their differentials back? Not, I think, because they regard their personal expenditure as a marginal thing concerned with matters of small importance, coming so soon after the very them an important discretion in different message of Mr Healey's the things that matter to them

Labour instincts expressed by Mr Lyon on Tuesday, and by the party generally when in opposition, cannot be reconciled with the necessity imposed on Labour in Government so long as it attempts to run a free society. For listen to the words which Mr Healey bimself used.

The effect of too high tax paying, and the imposition of direct taxation at too low a level as a consequence of inflation, has been, he said, "to weaken the incentive to work throughout the economy". There's Tory talk for you.

Then again, referring to the help the Budget gives to middle management, and regretting that he could not do more for those at the bottom and the top of the earning scale: "I have felt it necessary this year to concentrate relief where it most needed."

Yet it was, of course, the Labour Government which laid these burdens on middle management by direct taxation, and agement by direct taxation, and which, by the nature of its pay policy, eroded the differentials for skill which it is now, by popular demand so to speak, trying to restore. And on this sphiet let us again little to subject, let us again listen to Mr Healey as he justified his method of lightening the tax burden by increasing personal

On his proposal to reduce the basic income tax rate from 35p to 33p, he said: "... this will be of special advantage to people on up to nearly twice average earnings with the big-gest proportionate benefit going to the highly skilled worker.". Again, on the general effect of his tax reliefs, he observed that

differentials and broadly main-

nickname budgets. There was once one called the chicory budget because the Chancellor of that year took a tax off (or perhaps put it on, I forget which) that commodity and did which) that constantly and the precious little else that would make a headline. This year's could well be called the "differentials budget" for that is what it is all about.

Differentials, the victim of the late and levelling social contract, are now the heart of the Government's pay policy. The trouble is, of course, that it is easier to do than to undo damage and it is harder, for a poor man, to recognize the justice of restoring differentials to someone who is, in simple cash terms, better off, than it is to accept the original existence of such differentials.

Whatever a "satisfactory" pay policy for Stage Three may (and Mr Healey has carefully avoided revealing what he thinks will be necessary for him to implement his proposed 2p reduction in income tax) it will turn on how the unions themselves react to the two-way pull in their ranks for egali-tarianism and differentials.

On the face of it, it will not be very easy for a low-paid worker earning up to £2,500 a year to be very happy with his extra £1.50 a week when he sees the middle manager on £10,000 getting nearly £10.00 a week more, especially bearing in mind that the higher excise duties hit hardest at the lowest level. And this psychological difficulty for the Government arises from years of socialist propaganda and the spreading of misconceptions

speech, and couched in plainer language than the hyperbole of that the state has taken away, the conventional left, it is home-owning.

—one of which, despite all else tain percentage differentials for a mean-minded refusal to work people in the basic rate band." a mean-minded refusal to work people in the basic rate band. It used to be the habit to working well for the sake of the a mean-minded refusal to work well for its own sake. Of course, working well for the sake of the thing is part of any normal man's nature, and it is the part which is always exploited in socialist argument. But the differential is not just a carrot, for a carrot. nor an invitation to live it up.

The differential is, first society's recognition of the vir tue of skill and effort, and few of us are so other-worldly as to need no recognition from our fellows. The differential is, secondly, what is need to pre-vent a man from being harassed and distracted in the situation in which he finds himself, with the commitments he has taken

The middle manager may well work for the work's sake, but he will not work well if he is worried, cannot make ends meet and has to contemplate moving house or taking his children from school because his family books cannot be made to halance.

Nor will the toolroom worker, previously encouraged to ex-pect a given reward for his skill, which has encouraged him to take on certain commitments, work well when the carpet is pulled from under his feet. The cruelty of dispossession is at least as painful as the cruelty

Certain jobs require certain standards of living if they are to be done well. That is the case for what Mr Healey is trying to do now and against what he has done in the past. I do not think that is a case that the trade unions will find it altogether easy to accept.

The Budget has a good deal of equity in it. It marks a new peak in the Government's conpeak in the Government's conversion to a non-socialist philosophy of rewards. The question is: what will happen to that philosophy when the ferentials is not just a sign of sition?



Giving the khaki bureaucrats their marching orders.

Close by the A30 at Cambe ley, among giant beech trees, stands the Army Staff College. From it, 180 officers graduate each year having completed an intensive study of modern warfare. In career terms it is the most important hurdle for the regular officer. This year's in-take will provide Britain's gen-erals in 1990 and also many of those of the 42 other countries

regularly send their

officers there.
As an institution it wields considerable influence in the Army and its attitude to Britain's changing society. More and more the Army sets out to be a reflection of the society it serves—and because of this some care is taken to select officers who by temperament and education will continue to propagate the image of the

modern peacetime staff officer. In reality the man who works in the Army's lower and middle executive is not a very glamorous creature. The new style of staff officer is the khaki bureaucrat, a diminutive figure, whose approach is increasingly influenced by the computer and the proforms, and whose scope for initiative

In peacetime there is less need for him to take decisions quickly. Much of his work is done in committee where each project is researched in infinite detail and a decision reached only after mombs—sometimes years—of discussion and recon-

is reduced day by day through

lack of funds.

Mistakes are expensive. They involve the production of equipment, or the management of valuable training time. They do not often occur but when they do the collective security of the committee rends to ease the burden of responsibility. Working in this environment the modern staff officer may

If the modern staff officer is cautious there are also per-sonal pressures which discourage him from exercising too much initiative in face of official disapproval. Government provides his house, his children's education and his pension, all of which

could be withdrawn if he were dismissed from the service. The ubiquitous nature of his job and hostile tenancy laws discourage him from buying his own house. At the same time this constant movement obliges bim to educate his children at boarding school. After 12 or 15 years service he finds he has committed himself to a way of life, and if he wishes to leave it will not be easy to find a new job where he can use the technical and management experience he has acquired

So unable to start a second career which will give him the same material reward and responsibility as before he becomes a hostage to his pro-fession. Who can blame him for being orthodox and cauAre the wrong people running the Army today? A serving officer explains the dangers of a growing bureaucracy.

In peace-time it is not unusual to find that the more cautious and orthodox type of officer becomes the norm. teria for personal success tends to change, sithough gradually and not by any deliberate act, to meet the demands of a peacetime situation.

As these critera change so do the men who arrive in the top management positions. Whereas war requires them to be robust uncompromising men who can amorint their personality on the formations they command, the peace that follows calls for military leaders with more political and administrative qualities who are sometimes less compelling as versonalities.

There are examples of generals who having achieved success in one environment were unable to adapt themselves fast enough when the situation changed General Buller was one. A superbly successful-staff officer and formation commander in peacetime (he-passed out top of his year at staff college) he was unable to cope with the new tactics and problems of the Boer War.

Conversely there was General Wingate who as a junior officer in peacetime was found to be quite unsuitable even to attend staff college, but in war rose meteorically to command the famous Chindit Divi-

In the past there has always been time for the military leathe modern staff officer may dership in peacetime to hand find that the skilful exposition over the crisis to the military of facts and an ability to com- and political war managers of facts and an ability to com- and political war managers promise are more useful qualities than the traditional ones like initiative and moral courage. He may also find that the initiative are managers to the successive wars of this century has been for hostilities to heein with a disastrous round career terms at least) it is sometimes safer to put off a decision rather than risk one that could be wrong. Junior officers are not often afforded the luxury of learning from their mistakes.

So it is with some disquiet that we now see the reemer-gence of the (by now familiar) peacetime profile in our mihtary executive.

Orthodoxy has become the watchword in the staff, caution is the battlecry in the field; the peacetime trend has reasserted itself, has reasserted useu, and simultaneously the average age of our staff and field commanders is creeping back to the level of Britain's prewar

But this time it will not do. A future crisis in Europe will be too short and in the too overwhelmingly destructive to allow the wartime mavericks to rescue the situation. This time the arena is only booked for one round.

As the memories of Hitler's war fade so the nation becomes less resolved to pay the high price for its security. At election time the parliamentary hawks tend to find other causes to champion. The price or food, the standard of education, the National Health Service—these are real issues,

whereas the distant threat of paracrism from across the trish sea or the rape of our fishing waters by Soviet trawler fleers are less immediate and cer.

tainly less pleasant to consider. The voter does nor wish to be reminded that his freedom, health and prosperity can only flourish of the nation is secure. Until our streets are filled wish broken glass and burming motor cars, or she fish run out, or once again the European borders are realigned, we shall as a nation be content to see lect our security.

Only the Foreign Office and the service chiefs are able to remain desached from this jamboree of escapism. Confronted each day with a constant flow of accurate infornamion they must see clearly the dangers of the situation into which we are drifting However, it is not enough just to perceive, they must also in-form their manisters, and farough them, the nation.

And if the ministers find it expedient to disregard or unis no other constitutional chan-nel through which our profes-sional watch dogs can alert the

personal career terms it is safest for them to do nothing and depending on their interpretation of recent history they may (or may not) draw strength from the fact that their predecessors also did very little when they were faced with similarly unpleasant dilemmas before the Crimean War, before the Boer War, before the Great War and

So as the nation continues to lull itself into a state of blissful unawareness, the unfash-ionable maverick who might have had the moral courage and energy to risk his career and energy to risk his career and drag the question of national security into the arena of public debate has been bred out of the system and replaced by the skilful bureaucrat, who may perceive the danger but is not so inclined to raise the alarm if any involves breaking the value. involves breaking the rule

listen to the bad news as well as the good. It may not bepossible to beliave in this way as a politician, but some effort the maverick back into the military system.

The movement should begin

at the mecca of military doctrine, the staff college, which has the influence, if not the inclination, to change the system. Service officers must be encouraged to play a larger part in public debate, as they are in Europe. (In the British Army they are forbidden by Army law to communicate anything but the party doctrine to the press.).
Young officers should be

allowed to make mistakes and learn from the experience without penalizing their careers. They must be re-warded for boldness and originality (even though it does con-flict at times with the official doctrine).
There seems little merit in

keeping a watchdog that is so it that it can neither raise the alarm nor seize the intruder.

The old man who waits for the Messiah to arrive in India's Jewtown

town of Cochin has the highest concentration of population in India. Whether or not that is

My destination was the dis-trict in Cochin marked Mattancheri on the map but known generally as Jewtown. Today all that is left of Jewtown is one short lane made up of a few shops catering to tourists and a a Moslem practice. Its purpose series of comparatively clean and well-maintained terrace houses. These were all Jewish dependent in 1947 and the Jewish population was about 2,500. Most of the remaining 65 Cochin Jews still live there but the street is no longer ex-

Sitting in the cool of the evening outside one of the houses, a group of middle-aged people looked startlingly pale after the mukitude of dark skins that had surrounded me on my journey. Above their heads on the wall of the house was a small sign: "J. Cohen— Attorney ".

These were the first Jews I met in Cochin and one of them courteously accompanied me to the end of the lane where the Sabbath eve service was to take place in the Syagogue which had celebrated its 400th anniversary in 1968. It is the oldest Jewish building in the Far East.

Jews are either Ashkenasi or Senhardi. The ancestors of the lands while the Sepharitim originated in the Iberia peninsula. Both groups are orthodox dren. Any ladies present were but they differ in their pro- our of sight in an ansexe nunciation of Hebrew and; to behind the upper bima. The some extent, in their liturgies, mea wore crumpled tropical

The locals claim that the old but most of all in their rich traditions and customs. Sephardi Synagogues in the East rarely front the street but corroborated by statistics, a are approached through a walk through the swarming, courtyard and the Synagogue dusty, humid agglomeration of narrow streets supports it.

My destination was the discourage of the massive door a left of the massive door and the left of the massive door a left o newly painted sign respectfully requests worshippers to remove

But this was not, as I had first thought, the adoption of was to protect the exquisite blue willow-pattern Cantonese riles with which the Synagogue for those covered by rugs, the tiles have lost their glaze but and each tile is different— make them a graceful addition to the exotic appearance of this sixteenth century treasure. The floor space of the sanctoary is on the whole unclustered. Cane-backed

benches line the walls while the centre is occupied by an ornate brass bima—a combination of pulpit and reading desk from which the service is conducted. A unique feature of this Syna-gogue is a second bima, for use on great occasions, erected on a gallery above the entrance and supported by brass columns.

Facing the door, a carved ancient hand written scrolls of the Hebrew Pentateuch, From the roof descend a variety of crystal chandeliers and multicoloured glass bowls which once housed oil lamps.

The service was assended by 12 males and five or six chilout of sight in an anieze behind the upper bima. The

trousers and were all of that distinctive pallor which had impressed itself on me when I entered Jewtown.

They either sat on the benches or squatted on the

benches or squatted on the broad ledges of the windows with the easy familiarity with which they no doubt lounged in their bomes. The service was brief, traditional and read in Hebrew in the cheracteristic-ally nasal Sephardi intonation. After the service, I held the three sheets of inscribed copper which constitute the charter of the Jewish com-The tradition holds that they date from the year 379AD but some scholars believe them to be tenth century.

They record the gift from the King of Kings, Ris Majesty the King Sri Parkaran Iravi Vanmar, of the village of Anjuvannam to one Joseph Rab-ban together with "tolls on boats and carts . . . the lamp of the day, a cloth spread in front to walk on a palanquin. a parasol, a drum, trumpet . . . and so forth ". All these glories are to be enjoyed by Joseph Rabban and his descendants for so long as the world and moon

The principality of Anjuvan-nam was sacked by the Moors early in the sixteenth century and the Jews fied to nearby Cochin, then under Portuguese rule. They were cordially re-ceived and there, in 1567, they built Jewtown and in the following year completed their Synagogue now more à monument than a living religious centre. .Its quater-centenary was celebrated with much ceremony in

America participated in a learned symposium and the Indian Government issued a commemorative stamp—a rare if not unique portrayal of a Synagogue interior on a postage The moving spirit in this

event, and indeed in preserving Jewish life in this remote cor-ner of the world, is Mr S. S. Koder who was born in Cochin in 1910 and whose family came there two centuries ago from Baghdad.

Almost all the Jews had left, he told me, not because there was any pressure on them to go, but because they were devoutly religious and felf drawn to settle in the Holy Land when the state of Israel came into

Only one religious Jew remained and Mr Koder pointed him out to me, an old, bearded, dark-skinned and gaunt figure sitting cross-legged apart from the others at the western end of the Synagogue. This man believed that the Messiah would come from India and he waits there for his arrival.

There is no discrimination against Jews either in Cochin or elsewhere in India and, in fact, they have been given some privileges. One of them is the official recognition of Jewish festivals and Jews employed by the government are not obliged to work on those days. The real problem for this

Cochin Jewry. ists m Because there are so few village. 1968. The Prime Minister atten. Jewish spouses to choose from, ded the commemoration, young Jews of marriageable age

marry out of their faith.

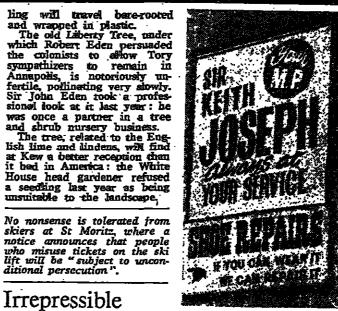
Some do find partners in Bombay (which has the largest Jewish community remaining in India) as did Mr Koder himself. There have been no marriages in the Cochin Synagogue for the past five years. One was coming up but the Cochin husband was going to live in Bombay which was the home of his future wife. Because it is so small, this

is a thoroughly acculturated community whose members mix freely and intimately with Muslims, Hindus and Christians. submerging their Jewish iden-tity. Since they have no religious teachers, the parents per-form this function and, in the process, educate themselves. They all observe the Jewish dietary laws in their homes yet tend to be lax outside. They have no rabbi but services are regularly held and are con-ducted by the congregants. Possibly because of this personal commitment—and because this is the general pattern still in India—the few youngsters in the community follow the religious traditions of their parents.

The community was enormously gratified when Mrs Gandhi, the then Prime Minis ter, visited the Synagogue on its four-hundredth anniversary. She concluded her speech with the Hebrew greeting Mazal tov (good luck) and later explained that she had learnt it from small group is survival and, paradoxically, it is the powerful instinct of self-preservation of the Jewish people that has contributed to the decline of Cachin Jewey.

That she have have fiddler on the Roof. And, indeed, as tenacious survivors, the Jews in Cochin, far away the Jews in Cochin, far away the Jews in Cochin their co-religion-ices in Tevve's East European ists in Tevye's East European

William Frankel



security measures is a subjective one. Where you draw it depends on how far you think our presents the wishes of the majority, how well it serves their interests, and how seriously it is threatened by ruthless and subvertise elements. less and subversive elements.

Two men and two women held a press conference in a

The four have just written a Penguin paperback, The Technology of Political Control, which documents methods of

read the book, the four spent an hour giving a summary of what is in it. Tim Shallice-spoke of torture being used to establish "a generalized climate of fear". Then Jenathan Rosen

head speculated that this could also be the reason for over interference with mail and tele-phone-tapping. He brandished a wad of plain

brown envelopes addressed an Shaffice which, he said, showed evidence of having been tampered with in the mail. And Carol Ackroyd, wearing a white boiler suit, said that a letter of the said of the said. addressed to her at home had addressed to her at home had been delivered to her office.

"A million to one chance", said the Post Office.

Another piece of evidence produced by Rosenhead was a rubber bullet of a type which he said, had blinded a 10 year old. he said, had blinded a 10-year old boy when used in Users. This month, five years after the incident, the Army had paid the victim £68,000 compensation.

Miss Margolis thought the approximation of the property of the prope

authorities were preparing for the time when social conflict would replace the present poli-tical consensus. But "we can-not build a better society through the repression of those seeking to build a better one. Rosenhead admitted: - "We Rosenhead admitted: "We have the normal paramota." But Agee concluded the conference with a generous tribuse to the country which is about to have him booted out. "There are not", he said, "many countries left where a book like this can be published these days. Better read it while you can."

When it comes to graffic the Irish can compete with the best. Spotted vesterday on the main. Dublin-Belfast road:
"Will the last person leaving the country please switch oil

Planning a coastal cruise or just looking for an overnight: Planning a coastal cruise or just tooking for an overnight, heigh? Yachting World, out today, includes a special ... Marinas Guide listing 49 marinas, all having access to tidal ... water, it incorporates an easy to read key un each page ... covering theighacilities, berthing fees, maximum sizes and depths, with height comments and directions. Also in this issue. Yachtung Modu reports on three major boot shows from as far afield as Miami, Göteborg and Birmingham; brings news about the Jubilee Review, Admiral's Con trialists, America's Southern Ocean Racing Conference and an article by Eric Southern Ociae Racing Comercine and pages of Hiscock on Making a Landfell'. Plus pages and pages of boats for sale.

Tuesday's Budget announcement of further increases in the cost of petrol will do nothing but good to that alternative and so far untaxed source of locomo-tion, the horse, In recent years there has been a remarkable revival of interest in the heavy working horse, and yesterday National Shire Horse Show Peterborough attracted 163 animals, the second largest

entry since before the war. Alan Hamilton reports: Since the cost of running a motor vehicle began to climb into the stratosphere, the work ing horse has begun to come into its own again. Roy Bird, secretary of the Shire Horse Society, told me that, whereas the population of shires was down to about 5,000 in the early 1960s, and in real danger of dwing our there were now of dying out, there were now at least 15,000, the great majority of them in England. "The house?" and Bird with "The horse," said Bird, with evident satisfaction, "has be-come an economic proposition again."

Numerous breweries have aleady discovered the savings that can be made by using horse drawn drays for local deliveries, not to mention their publicity value. Now the Society is receiving reports of coal merchants, dairies, and even furniture removers turning to horse power for short journeys.
Farmers, too, are rediscovering the value of the horse for certain jobs. Some have reported that, during the recent wet weather, horses were able to perform farm and forestry work that would have defeated a

tractor. Breeding shires has suddenly

The Times Diary

Putting the horse before the cart

Levy Board has a premium an uneasy awareness that there scheme for shire stallions, and were many more uniformed has just put up its grant for a services during the war which has just put up its grant for a stallion at stud from £250 to £350. There is growing interest from America, which is helping to push up sale prices, with a good foal now fetching up to £2,500. Last year 31 shires were

A Somerset vet told me he had just bought his second shire foal for £400, and he intended to let it take him on his rounds as soon as it had grown up. "You can spend £6,000 on a tractor, and all it does is depreciate. For £400 you get a horse with a working life of probably 20 years. Anyway, why rush about when you can take life a bit more slowly and still get the work done?

Keep mum

There was rustic nostalgia, too, in Park Lane yesterday, where Auglia Television was unveiling a new situation comedy series—ITV's belated answer to Dad's Army. The series is about the land girls in the Second World War, and was inamentally heins referred. was inevitably being referred to as Mum's Army chough its proper (or slightly improper) title is Backs to the Land. Despite the suggestive title, Backs to the Land as limite con-

have not been adapted for television yet. We must, for instance, count ourselves sucky if we escape a series about the ATS called Officers' Ground-

Lender shoot On a sweltering day last

summer a rather touching ceremony was held in the grounds of Sr John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, to mark the surprisingly cordial departure in 1776 of the last British governor, Robert Eden His great-great-great grandson, Sir John Eden, MP, went over Sir John Eden, MP, went over for the ceremony, held under a 400-year-old tubp poplar tree, known as the Liberty Tree (under which the early settlers were said to bave signed a treaty with the Susquehanna Indians).

He wondered sloud, as he sought shelter from the fierte sun, whether such a tree

sun, whether such a tree would grow in England. His question has new born fruit.
Today a seeding is being brought across the Adantic by the college's director of admissions and will be handed at the eirport to a representa-tive of the Royal Botanic Garbecome an attractive proposi cerned with sex it is mainly dens at Kew. Trimmed and which the tion, The Horse Race Betting impress tun, but there lingers, spruced up, the two foot seed point.

skiers at St Moritz, where a notice announces that people who misuse tickets on the ski lift will be "subject to unconditional persecution". Irrepressible The dividing line between political repression and essential security measures is a subjec-

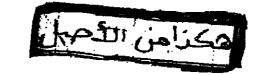
Soho basement yesterday to propose that political repression was reaching an unacceptable level. As chairman they recruited Philip Agee, the former CIA man who faces deportation in companiones. portation in circumstances which they see as proving their

Keith's early commitment

private enterprise, were photo-graphed in Leeds some years ago by Neil Jordan.

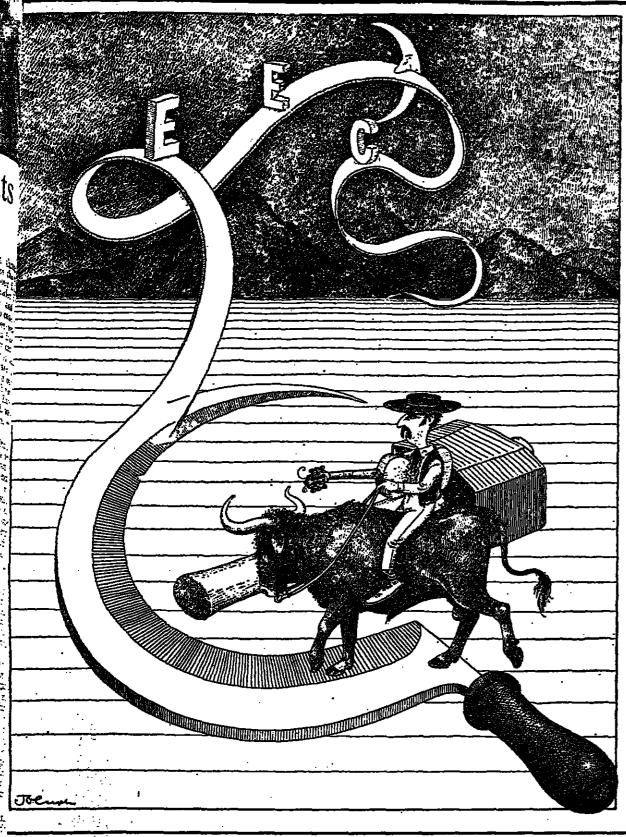
surveillance, riot control and other techniques for maintaining the authority of the estab-For those of us who had not

the politiciens."



Spain and the Community

a Special Report



Fighting the flab for EEC

"After the coming parlia- costly kind mentary elections", he said, tribution.
"Spain will be in a position to direct all its political economic in the series of the serie ical, economic and psychological efforts towards integration." He expressed confi-dence that "the political wishes of both parties will be sufficient to surmount any obstacles".

Regarding the present standstill by which Britain is being eased into the Community, Senor Bas-sols remarked that Spain considers its present interim agreement with the EEC will have to be renegotiated

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Spain will not accept any offer important concessions for the continuous period before achieving full membership are strated?

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and straightening out the costly kinks in lines of distribution.

The seriousness of Spain's The seriousness of Spain's gross industrial seconomic plight is shown by the level of reserves at the Bank of Spain. Between Han 3 per cent in real product will grow by more than 3 per cent in real to \$5,650m

August, 1975, and August, 1975, Spain's reserves dwindled by nearly 13 per cent to \$5,650m

Other indicators, such as the percentage of the population employed in agriculature, suggest that the difficulties are as much structural as they are results of the universal recession brought on by the oil criss.

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than 9 per cent of the pop- employment; bettering the because it is so fundamental before casting its vote.

Suitor still has to pass tests

by Michael Hornsby

tential membership of the EEC looms largest on the horizon, Spain is by far the most important in terms of population, industrial

Madrid has long been a posed to be a one-year reprieve for the Spanish.

Suitor at the EEC courr, but a silver far the EEC courred by the suitor at the EEC courred by the strict limit on the degree three EEC newcomers has gathered sufficient pace of immacy that was politic on the same terms as in the cally possible. As long ago bast, the intention being a strict limit on the degree ment would in due course status of the type first be superseded by a revised status of the type first

1970 agreement to embrace tection for its farmers, So far the EEC's reaction trade unions is still in ques the three new EEC where as the Spaniards are to developments in Spain tion. While some EEC govmembers who joined in anxious to achieve maxi1973 would have required mum agricultural exports This reflects not only the to overlook this—after all,
Britain to raise its low while still protecting their legacy of mistrust the German Communist
tariffs on Spanish foodstuffs nascent industries.

to the higher Community It is accepted, however, memories of the civil war years others, such as the level. This would have been that the standstill cannot but also the fact that the British and the Dutch, a severe blow to Spanish be prolonged beyond July 1 Spanish politically to assess the fact that the British and the Dutch, a severe blow to Spanish be prolonged beyond July 1 Spanish politically to assess the

European commitment is clear

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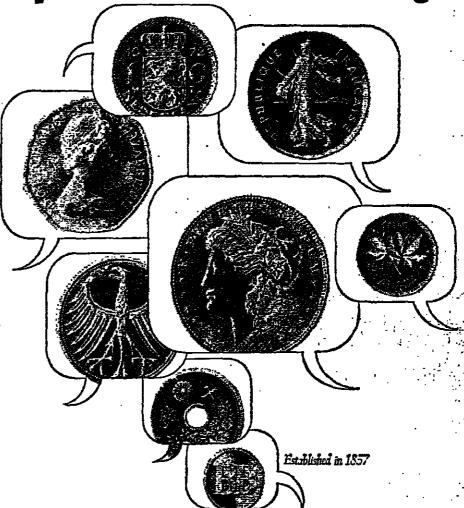
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by Pablo Sela Hoffmann

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CONTO the anarchist trade ments no longer make any secret about who their leaders are.

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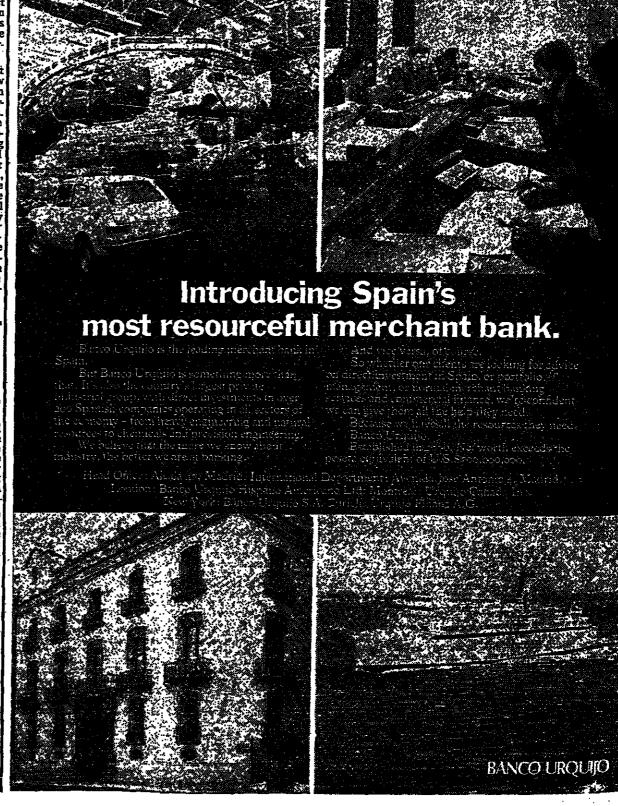
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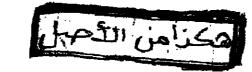
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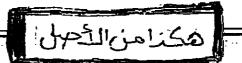
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"After all, Spain cannot remain alone forever". ancient trading partners, with a good working relationing ignored so far: the problem of whether the people or their tis how one young Spanish executive put it recently ship that predates the formation of the European Comelected representatives should have the final say about That is how one young Spanish executive put it recently in Madrid, explaining in very human terms that Spain has more than just economic reasons for joining the European Economic Community.

"Spain is part of Europe, and we are seeking to align ourselves with Europe in many ways", the executive "we have many affinities, you know: we do business together, we are neighbours, we are all part of the Western European cultural complex."

He continued, in a reference to the gap still existing -but fast being closed-between the level of development in his country and the European average, "When we join, Spain may not be the best-dressed member of the club, but she will be the belle of the ball. The flirtation between Spain and the EEC has been going on a long time and we need each other."

He pointed out that, after reducing the question to simple economics for the sake of argument, Europe has as much reason for wanting Spain to join as Spain has for knocking at the door.

In 1975, nearly 35% of Spain's total imports came from the European Community. And if petroleum imports are excluded from the calculations, then the Community's share of goods imported by Spain goes up to 43%. That same year, nearly 45% of Spain's exports were shipped to Common Market countries. Nearly onefourth of Spain's trade deficit resulted from commerce with the EEC

It is in the interest of the EEC to foment more trade with such a good partner.

Contrary to what some persons north of the Pyrenees might believe, most Spanish industrialists do not seem to be unduly alarmed by the prospect of European competition in general, and they are probably even less afraid of British industrial competition, notwithstanding Britain's vast experience and respectable position among the industrial powers of the world. Britain and Spain are

ship that predates the formation of the European Com-

For the most part, Spaniards seem to feel that they are about as ready to enter as they will ever be-in spite of the results of the oil crisis, inflation and what they hope will be only a temporary reduction in the competitiveness of Spanish exports.

The question of the competitive position of exports, after all, is sometimes impossible to control, since it does not depend entirely on domestic factors. Products are often cheap or expensive on the international market as a result of currency fluctuations, which arise from complex causes.

The plunge of the lira, for example, turned Italy into a difficult market for Spain and other countries to penetrate. The lira has slipped so far with relation to the peseta that Italian goods are more competitive. On the other hand, although the pound sterling has suffered a long slide, it has lately begun to recover against the peseta and certain other currencies.

As a matter of fact, paradoxically, the sector of the Spanish economy in which there is greatest concern about competition is agriculture—the same sector which so bothers members of the Community and which has inspired farmers in Britain and France to demand protective measures. It is true that some Spanish farm products, such as asparagus, for example, are quite competitive; but others, like sugar beet, are much less so.

Where Spain's agriculture can benefit is in the sale abroad of products which Spain can produce competitively and in quantity, and which other Community members export little or none of, such as citrus fruits. (While it is true that Italy is a citrus fruit producer, much of the Italian crop is consumed at home and—by comparison

with Spain—relatively little is exported.)

There is one political problem which Spain may yet have to face, although the possibility has been almost membership.

It is a question which could easily come up in this historic period of transition in Spain, during which many citizens are closely scrutinizing the attributes of a government in a free state; for membership in the EEC, in the opinion of some political thinkers, actually implies a reduction in sovereignty, or at least a transfer of a part of the country's sovereignty to Brussels. Once a country has become a member, certain decisions affecting its national interests are made not by its own parliament, but by the

European parliament. Perhaps Mr Harold Wilson's decision to call a referendum on the Common Marker was not merely an obligatory political manoeuvre resulting from his stand on the issue when his party was in the opposition.

So much for the long term. There is a much more immediate issue to be resolved between Spain and the Community: the details of the relationship which will be in effect as of next July 1 (or January 1 in the case of horticultural goods), when the "stand-still" declared at the time of Britain's entry runs out.

At present Spain's exports to Britain are important from the point of view of both countries, particularly her exports of farm products and processed foods. If British duties go up, as they must, on July 1-or on January 1 for horticultural goods-Snanish exports will be stalled and British housewives will have to pay more.

There is no need for such a situation, according to Spanish negotiators in Brussels. Spain has proposed that the 1970 agreement which she signed with the EEC be slightly revised in order to find an acceptable balance between trading partners. Spain's objections to continuing under the 1970 agreement without revision take into account the irrefutable fact that the agreement was negotiated with a European Community of six members and now there are nine. Spain feels that any concession she makes should be compensated by concessions made

by the three new members. What Spain is asking for, in the opinion of businessmen in Madrid, is little more than a symbolic concession.

Spain may find in Britain an advocate for her cause in the effort to reestablish that balance in the interim, while both Spain and the Market get ready for the big day a few years from now. The short term situation with regard to trade with Spain is not one to make British economists happy. The end of the stand-still will mean that duties on Spanish agricultural products shipped to Britain will be higher, whereas duties on industrial goods imported into Britain from Spain will be proportionately lower—in other words the current duty situation will be reversed, and that is bound to hurt both countries.

Spain rejects the idea of a simple across-the-board application of the 1970 agreement with no further adjustments, which the EEC negotiators would apparently like to impose on Spain. To do so would prejudice Spain's interests. While Spain is anxious to remain on good terms with the EEC, with an eye on future unity, she cannot afford to let down her guard and weaken—rather than improve—her chances of eventual entry in optimum economic conditions.

Current economic problems which affect not only Spain but the rest of the world as well have been dwelt upon by the opponents of integration within Spain. But the voices that have been raised are few, and the Spanish government does not seem to be paying attention to them. Ruin is hardly around the corner, considering the high level of development which Spain has reached. On the contrary, the country's leaders seem convinced that membership will be beneficial to both Spain and the community.

Naturally there will be some trauma. Integration simply cannot be accomplished painlessly. The shock is bound to be felt on both sides at first, but if the negotiators for both parties are realistic, the discomforts will be only momentary and the advantages will be lasting.

Growth rate indicates vitality

The structural changes in the Spanish economy speak well of its vitality.

Spain's annual rate of growth during some years rivalling that of Japan, averaged nearly 7% over the past 15 years-much higher than those of France, West Germany and the United States.

While Spain remains an important agricultural nation, the balance of exports is heavily in favour of industry. In 1975 only a little over 22% of Spain's exports were agricultural goods; of the remainder, 23% were consumer goods, over 21% investment goods and the remaining 34% were raw materials and semi-manufac-tured commodities. Only 10 years ago food amounted to 47% of Spain's export total.

The industrial development which Spain has undergone in the past two decades particularly has paralleled a growing interrelationship between the world economy and that of Spain, as shown by trade figures, both imports and exports. Other phenomena have accompanied this development. Spain has come out of her post World-War Two isolation. Sun-seekers by the tens of millions every year have made this one of the world's best known countries. Political evolution is taking place rapidly. Spain

feels herself a part of Europe, and the feeling is probably

By 1973 Spain's gross industrial production had more than tripled compared with that of 11 years earlier. In 1974 it continued to climb. And in 1975, although it dipped as a result of the universal economic recession, it still more than tripled the 1962 figure.

The per capita income in Spain in 1975 was 2,403 dollars. The economic importance of the country can perhaps best be grasped by looking at the trade figures. Spain's total imports in 1975 amounted to 931,985,000,000 pesetas (about £7,900 million at current exchange rates) and her total exports were 441,091 million pesetas (over £3,700 million), leaving a deficit of 490,894 million pesetas (nearly £4,200 million). Of course about 200,000 million pesetas (about £1,700 million) of that deficit represented the cost of keeping Spain in petroleum for the year.

Steel production, vital for a country with constantly increasing industrial needs, is a good indicator of the state of the economy. In 1966 Spain produced less than four million metric tons. Until the mid 1950s, Altos Hornos de Vizcaya in Bilbao was Spain's largest iron and steel works. But in 1957 Ensidesa began production. In

1975 Ensidesa became even bigger by taking over Uninsa. Ensidesa's mills are at Aviles and Gijon, both in the North of Spain. A new integrated complex, with a projected annual rate of production of six million metric tons, is under construction at Sagunto, near Valencia and, incidentally, near the huge new Ford motor company plant. In 1975 Spain exported two million metric tons of iron and steel products.

In shipbuilding, Spain occupies fourth place in the world. Over the past decade buyers from more than 50 countries have chosen Spanish-built ships. This is one of the industries which most dramatically reflected Spain's industrial upsurge, although it is currently affected by the worldwide retraction in the industry, with orderbooks much slimmer than shipbuilders would like.

Spain's best market for capital equipment is the EEC. Over the past 15 years, assimilating new technology, both domestic and foreign, this industry grew rapidly. Within that period, the value of capital equipment produced rose tenfold, and Spanish technology successfully entered into such highly advanced areas as electronics, and equipment for nuclear power plants. (Over 9% of Spain's electrical energy comes from nuclear plants; by 1985 the figure will be close to 23%.)

The names of some of Spain's biggest industrial

concerns will have a familiar ring in the ears of English-speaking people: Babcock and Wilcox Espanola SA, Firestone Hispania SA (manufacturing in Spain since 1933), Ghesa (Gibbs and Hill Espanola SA), General Electrica Espanola SA (with three Spanish plants), Worthington SA, Westinghouse SA (which has delivered nearly 100 electric locomotives to the Spanish national railway system, Renfe) Union Explosivos Rio Tinto SA (with its affiliated companies, the largest industrial holding group in Spain).

Spanish technology is making its mark around the globe too. Through the coordinating office. Tecniberia, Spain offers an army of engineers, architects and other skilled specialists capable of carrying out studies, designs and plaus for major engineering projects anywhere. Such projects involving Spanish participation have been carried out in Europe, the near East, the Far East, Africa and Central and South America. Tecniberia also has experience in providing technical assistance to governments in tourism and economics.

Foreign investors bet on Spain's future

Foreign investment has played a big role in Spain's development, and it is destined to continue to play an important role in the foreseeable future. Spain encourages investment from abroad, benefiting not only from the obvious consequences, such as more employment opportunities for Spaniards, but also from the know-how of highly industrialized nations.

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companies abread. Spain's impressive growth, the importance of her domestic market, and her gradual approximation to the **EEC are bound to attract investors.**

required for investments amounting to less than 50% of the total capital of a company. Justified investments involving a larger percentage need official approval, but the chances of getting such approval are usually pretty good if the investment looks advantageous for Spain.

There has recently been published a measure by which foreign investments (in several fields) can be as much as 100% of the Company's capital. The only requirement is to communicate this fact to the Government.

Spain's labour force is much better trained now than it was only a few years ago. Two things contributed to this situation: first, the economy's rapid growth encouraged government and industr to conduct maining Liberal legislation regulates foreign investment; programmes, frequently in collaboration with one Paris and a Permanent Delegation for United Natious and generally speaking, government approval is not even another, and secondly, after the petroleum crisis hit other international bodies in Geneva) and Spanish

Europe, some of Spain's emigrants who had learned trades in European factories came home to add to the variety of skills available in the Spanish labour pool. There is unemployment in Spain, aggravated by the return of the emigrants, but it is less severe in terms of percentage.

than that of a great many other industrialized nations. Various laws, plans and programmes offer incentives for the establishment of industries in certain parts of the country which have lagged behind in industrial development. Such zones usually have an abundant supply of

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How Spanish businessmen feel about the E.E.C.

In a sampling of opinion published recently by the magazine Europeo, a number of leading Spanish businessmen left no doubt about the desirability of entering the Common Market from Spain's point of view. D. Eduardo Arruga, Chief of General Planning for

Nestie in Spain, said: The integration of Spain into such a suprenational environment is not only advisable, it is a necessity for the future of the Spanish economy ... necessary because, in the new international order which has been developing, especially since 1973, a country cannot remain tied down by nationalistic dreams which might lead it into a certain kind of dangerous isolation with respect to the large blocks Evidently Europe is the ideal framework for such an integration, as much for geographic and historical reasons as for political and economic ones. . . . of the Bank of Granada, commented: "If we bear in mind that our greatest volume of trade is with the countries of the Community, that our techniques of business management are based on-or at least there is an attempt to base them on—European methods, that the highest indicators of well-being correspond to Europe and that we seem to be evolving toward a political situation of European fashion, it is reasonable to conclude that our integration into the Common Market would surely be tremendously positive. . . . We must absorb the European mentality and industrial civilization, in addition to seeking new ways to look upon life. Europe today can be a good school, if we know how to take advantage of what

"Already we know there are going to be problems, but we don't think they will be unsolveable. Of course many marginal firms will have to close down or else radically reorganize. . . . The competition of the Common Market firms will undoubtedly be beneficial, and it will stimulate us to find new outlooks and new formulas for

management, production and sales."
D. Francisco Jose Mañas Lopez, Executive Director

General of the Pastor Bank, remarked: "In the long run, Spain's integration into the EEC will undoubtedly be beneficial for our country, and it will present the opportunity of consolidating the development of recent years by incorporating us into a stronger economy which will oblige us to rationalize the production framework. And this is precisely the short-term problem.

The accommodation of the Spanish industrial (and even the commercial) sector to the European pace will create problems for some firms which have not been able to sufficiently modernize their production methods and organization. For this reason, and to minimize these difficulties, which I might add are perfectly logical if we bear in mind the speed of Spain's development, the process of

in international financial markets is sufficient guarantee of their capacity to handle themselves outside the borders of the country. Nevertheless, in the period prior to integration, the administration will have to study carefully the level of competence in the internal market. . . . "

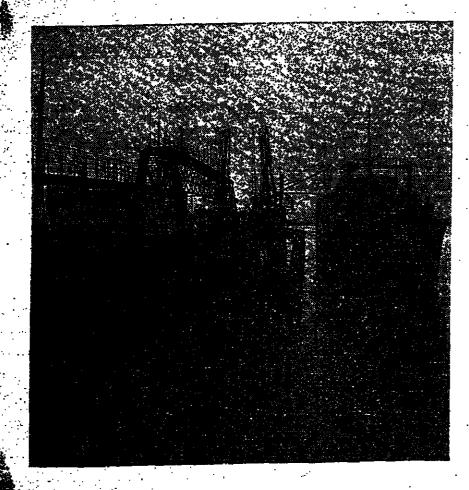
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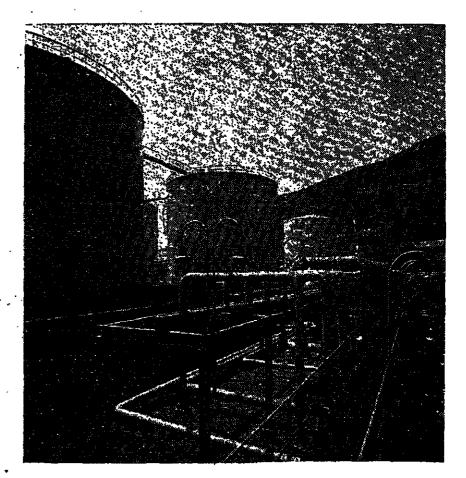
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The case against: why not another trade group?

by Antonio de Miguel

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Membership may prove mixed blessing to the Canaries

by William Chislett

Although the Canary Islands tariffs come into line with are only 70 miles off the the rest of the EEC. are only 70 miles off the coast of West Africa, they have always looked to West protested at the annual Europe for their culture, meeting of the National political thinking and gen. Farmers' Union in January that Britain would be

The movement is not regarded very seriously by the Canaries becoming part islanders or by the Govern of the Community is what ment, particularly as the will happen to the free-port police claimed in February facilities. Radios, tape to have almost broken up recorders and whisky, to the organization. Nevertheless the idea of some degree goods, are available at of autonomy is strong in the minds of islanders, including the more conservative island's important tourist inones. There is a widespread dustry be affected or would

bananas and also one of the

political thinking and general mores.

Apart from a small break-away movement—the Movement of the Self Determination and Independence of the Canary Islands, led from Algiers—the islanders feel themselves part of Spain alone produced more tomatoes than all the JEC countries put together.

The movement is not The unknown factor in

feel the distance from the mainly go to the Canaries to bronze themselves, the lure EEC membership would being able to buy goods the Balearics, with Majorca, and banana growing industion and were the benefits the Canaries. Membership would mean that tourists could go down. This existing tariffs in the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the would be a blow for the existing tariffs in the canaries, the EEC to countries against islands as the economy is EEC. There would, however, ference to the number of spain's products would ailing after the ceding of the stimulus to the shoe tourists coming to drink the cheap wine and soak up the spain's leading area for Morocco.

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A place out of the sun at Palma de Majorca. Right: caves on Grand Canary like those in which the Guanches, the original inhabitants of the islands, lived.

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themselves as more in tune with Western Europe than with Madrid which they regard with a mixture of scorn, arrogance and often

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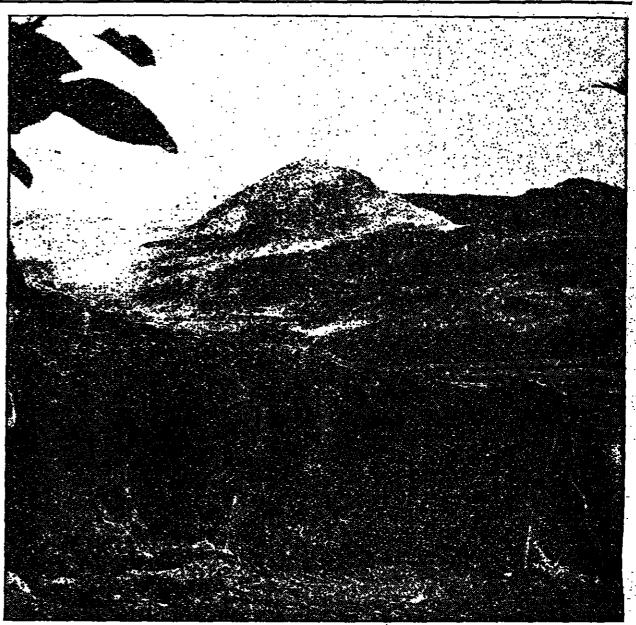
has long been the main market for exports. Exports last year to the EEC countries, the European Free Trade Association and the

Eastern European block accounted for about 60 per cent of the Catelan total. France is the biggest single

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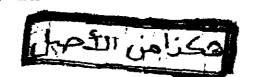
More than lip service needed on autonomy



Young Basques passing the civil war victory monument in the centre of Bilbao.

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Culonia) Mari A LESS POLITICAL CABINET

The French cabinet reshuffle announced last night has no direct bearing on international affairs. M Barre remains both prime minister and economy and finance minister. The ministers of foreign affairs, defence, cooperation and foreign trade also remain unchanged, as well as those of education, supply, labour and health. In the European context the most important portfolio to change hands is that of agriculture, but even here the replacement of the Independent Republican M Bonnet by the Centrist M Mehaignerie is most unlikely to herald any major

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change of policy.

The reshuffle is essentially related to French internal politics: in particular, to the result of the municipal elections earlier this month and to the preparation of the parliamentary elections due in a year's time. This was made clear by President Giscard d'Estaing in his televised speech on Monday night. He interpreted the muni-cipal election results as a "message" to himself from the French people, rather in the manner of an anxious friend or relative who interprets a suicide attempt as a cry for help. France, the president said, "fears the success of the opposition, even if she were to choose it".

Two things, in his view, are driving his countrymen to this quasi-suicidal behaviour: first, the difficulty and slowness of the change which he had bring all the Government's promised them when they supporters together rather than elected him in 1974; and secondly, the conspicuous disunity of the "majority" (that is, the parties supporting the Government) in the municipal election campaign. His solution is to form a tighter, less political government and to promise that

for the parliamentary elections the "majority" will unite "around a programme democratically worked out"—a pacte majoritaire which can be put up against the programme commun of the left. He thus gracefully accepts an idea put forward by M Chirac, whose successful drive to become Mayor of Paris had seemed an implicit challenge to the president's leadership of the "majority", but to whose work as prime minister before last August the president paid an elegant tribute.

M Giscard d'Estaing's effort to break the Gaullist majority within the "majority" and to replace the hegemony of the Gaullist party with that of a centre-right party taking its lead from himself has thus apparently been abandoned-even though some fierce jockeying for position can be expected when it comes to adopting a candidate in each constituency for the parliamentary elections. As he himself "the need for unity is more urgent than the right to be different". His own interest is to to back some of them against the others.

Theoretically this should have been achieved under M Barre's government as previously constructed, with leaders of all four government parties serving under a neutral prime minister. In fact this did not work because the Gaullist representative, M Guichard, was not the leader of his party. It was M Chirac, the disgruntled ex-prime minister, who quickly established himself as the Gaullist leader; and he, being outside the cabinet, did not feel himself in any way bound by the rules of cabinet solidarity. The leaders of the other parties. particualry M Poniatowski and M Lecanuet, counterattacked from inside the Government, and the pretence of unity was thus shattered. Consequently all four political" ministers have now been dropped, and though they have been replaced by others from the same parties it is clear that these will not have the same role. Especially significant is the departure of M Poniatowski, for so long M Giscard d'Estaing's political "man of business", from the Ministry of the Interior. In that post he had succeeded in making himself universally unpopular and—by his handling of the de Broglie and Abu Daoud affairs-almost notorious. He will not be missed.

A SUCCESSFUL ROYAL TOUR

Despite some lively demonstrations of republican sentiment in Australia, the Queen-who returns to London early this morning—can feel well satisfied with her gruelling seven-week jubilee year tour of the South Pacific. New Zealand and Australia Even though it was her fifth visit to New Zealand as Queen, and her sixth to Australia, the crowds were in general both large and warmly welcoming; even if composed mainly of women and children. Apart from some formal functions such as the opening of Parliament in Wellington and Canberra, the accent was no informal "walkabouts. This gave the maximum number of people a chance to see and even talk to the Queen and Prince Philip, while lending the tour a somewhat unstructured

The New Zealanders have once again demonstrated their uncomplicated acceptance of the Oueen as their head of state. It remains to be seen whether the appointment as the Queen was ving of Sir Keith Holyoake, a former Prime Minister and still an active politician, as the next Governor-General will eventually bring that traditionally nonpartisan office to the forefront of the political arena.

That is just where it has remained in Australia since the Queen's representative there, Sir John Kerr, created constitu-

tional history in November 1975. monarchy in this light, and show By dismissing the Labour government of Mr Gough Whitlam, Sir John resolved the constitutional crisis caused by the Senate's blockage of the money supply, and paved the way for Mr Malcolm Fraser's crushing electoral victory a few weeks later.

Notwithstanding Mr Whitlam's subsequent display of sustained petulance, Sir John is widely considered to have acted both correctly and in the best interests of the country and democracy. If he had thereafter tendered his resignation and faded gracefully from the scene, he would have saved himself and his country from much bitter-

By staying on, he has presented the republicans with a focus for their discontent, and it was against himself and the office of Governor-General that the young protesters were demonstrating. Prima facie, their case is not unreasonable: there is something anachronistic in the very title of Governor-General in a country of considerable political maturity and great economic wealth and resources; and in Sir John's direct interference as the Queen's representative in the working of this mature democracy, however justified at the time.

The fact is, however, that the vast majority of Australians do the constitutional

no signs of hankering for the dramatic changes required to create a republic. They consider that the existing arrangements have stood the country in good stead, and believe that the links with the crown help protect them against abuse of the constitution by government of the day. It is true that some non-British immigrants have not relished swearing an oath of allegiance to the Queen on becoming Australian citizens. But coming as many of them have done from Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia or Eastern Europe, they have seen some unlovely republican regimes in action. They do not tend to favour change, particularly if advocated by local Communists.

Such little public thinking as Australia's republicans have done about their model Australian constitution seems to point towards a President of the largely representational, West German, Irish or Indian variety, rather than on American or French lines. Ironically, the powers of such a president would probably not be very different from those of the Governor-General But all the indications are that Australians as a whole still have a high regard for the Queen, and a relatively low regard for their own national politicians, and remain far from anxious to embrace uncertainties of change.

ALL OUT OF STEP EXCEPT JOHN BULL

Triumphantly anadurcing that reasonable in suggesting that the United Kingdom has on its own blocked agreement on a the United Kingdom. It is also probably right on new set of agricultural price balance to feel that the latest increases for Europe is not the best way of ensuring the success of our six months as President of the European Community. None the less, the Government are probably right to feel that with the fight against inflation at its corrent critical phasethey must be seen to do all they can to ensure that the farm policy of the Buropean Com-munity does not avoidably The Government's policy is to-

demand concessions to the United Kingdom in the form of a subside on butter in return for accepting a small devaluation of the green pound. Since butter has always been an emotive issue in discussion of Britain's membership of the EEC, it is perhaps understandable and acceptable that the Government. should want some concessions on that front, Although the problem of the butter mountain is one for Europe as a whole, it would be unrealistic to expect a subsidy scheme to be applied across the Community. That would be so costly as to be prohibitive. The

package of measures proposed by the Commission does not go quite far enough to meet the United Kingdom's justifiable demands for a fundamental shift in the farm policy in the coming years. The surpluses of dairy products are not new and have engaged the rather half-hearted attention of Community ministers for nearly ten years. Although there has been a great deal of talk about the need to switch production away from the dairy sector and to find a better way of protecting the living standards of those who work in that sector too little concrete action has

been taken. Thus there is a strong case for using the power which the United Kingdom has to delay price increases as a bargaining lever to get faster and more resolute action. We ought also to be prepared to use the windfall profits which we have made through the system of "green currencies" to persuade our partners that it is in their interests to carry out a thorough reform of the working of the

Common Agricultural Policy as a whole. But in doing this we should take care to ensure that the bargaining lever does not turn into a readblock holding up all progress towards common action.

The latest Government action comes at a time when the United Kingdom's tactics within the Community have won it few friends. On too many issues we have seemed to put immediate national interest above the good of the Community as a whole. Sometimes this is a matter of substance and sometimes a question of style. Even when the differences between the United Kingdom and other countries are not really great there seems to be a willingness to play to the gallery of Labour Party members who remain hostile to the whole idea of British participation in the EEC. That debate is over. We are part of Europe, and as such we should be playing a full role in constructive debate about how it can be improved. That responsibility is all the greater because of our position as President of the Community, but it will not come to a close at the end of June. It is time that we showed ourselves willing to act as if we realized it. -

Bank loans to S. Africa From the Dean of Norwich

Government are thus not un-

Sir, The decision by a number of churches, religious bodies, local authorities and other organizations to attend the Midland Bank's annual general meeting, 1977, needs to be discussed more widely. Their resolution runs that "this meeting requires the Directors to cause the Midland Bank to make no further loans to the South African Government or its departments, agencies, or state corporations, and not to renew or extend any such existing

loans". Last year Lord Armstrong said that he regretted that "so many Christian churches have got them-selves into this vengeful mood." There are many investors in this country as well as most church people who are not vengeful but firmly opposed to apartheid, especially when it is maintained, as it is the South African Government, on Christian grounds. Shareholders ere emitted to express their views about the policy of the companies Government.

in which they invest, and occasionally their pressure has been of ethi-cal value as in the case of the protests made to the Distillers' Company over the problem of the level of assistance to the children suffering from thalidomide.

There are good grounds for be-lieving that some banks, such as Barclays International, are much more sensitive to the ethical problem of apartheid than others. Disinvestment in Southern Africa is not the issue in the case of the Midland Bank. The issue is the making of loans to the Government and the distinction, though fine, is worth making.

There is increasing evidence that Christian leaders in Africa, both lay and clerical, hope that the British churches and other institutions will understand the implications of giving direct financial support to the Government of South Africa. It is known that the late Archbishop Luwum and other Ugandan church leaders hoped that we would not invest our funds in the South African

The public discussion of this key vestors today. Yours faithfully, ALAN WEBSTER,

The Deanery,

March 28:

issue at the Midland Bank annual meeting will be keenly observed by African leaders, both political and religious, lay and clerical. The commercial wisdom of investment by local authorities, churches and other bodies in Southern Africa is not for me to try to assess. I applaud those British banks and companies which avoid direct loans to the South African Government, which can be used for arms, and use all their influence to create a more human society which recognizes trade unions, grants equal political rights and frees the political and Christian leaders now harassed in prison. Lancashire cotton workers the last century made considerable sacrifices to avoid aiding the Southern States who were then de-fending the institution of slavery. There is an analogy here for in-

The University, Canterbury, March 25

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal pact with Labour

From Professor F. A. Hayek, FBA Sir, May one who has devoted a large part of his life to the study of the history and the principles of liberalism point out that a party that keeps a socialist government in power clearly has lost all title to the name "Liberal". Certainly no liberal can in future vote " Liberal ". Yours faithfully,

F. A. HAYEK, D-78 Freiburg i Brg, Urachstrasse 27

Prom Miss Elizabeth Appleby Sic,-The implication behind the result of the Liberal-Labour alliance should be more fully understood by

the public. It is generally accepted that the pact is seen as a measure to allow Labour to pick its own polling date. It is a fair assumption that the Prime Minister will, if possible, select a date most favourable to the Government with the result that there is a real possibility at the next general election of the return of a Labour government with a clear majority which would rule without the essistance of the Liberals. It would then be open to the government to bring in irrever-sible government measures to satisfy the dictates of the National Executive.

If the Liberals had supported the Conservatives on their censure motion the Government would have been defeated and the inevitable general election would have resulted in the return of a Conservative government with a large majority. The spread of the dead hand of socialism would then have been stopped.
Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH APPLEBY.

13 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. March 29.

From Councillor Deirdre Martineau Sir, A relevant fact relating to the recent Liberal-Labour pact appears out of the results of the more recent Mordake Ward by election, Richmond.

The Liberals gained an overall majority in a record turnout of 57 per cent, with a swing of 12 per cent from Lebour to Liberal The constituency Labour Association of Richmond has been forth-right in its extremist views towards the Government, thereby alienating a large section of the Labour vote, and hastening the hoped for realignment of the centre of British politics.

Yours faithfully. DEIRDRE MARTINEAU, Cromwell Lodge The Terrace, Barnes, SW13. March 29,

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative) Sir, The Lib-Lab pace seems to be

based on the idea that it will herald the arrival of the "moderate" socialist. Will someone please tell me what sort of socialism does a Is he, for instance, in favour of nationalizing the aircraft and ship-building industries, but not the banks or insurance companies? Is he in favour of weakening our defences, but not as drastically as the Tribune Group? Is he, or is he not, in favour of picketing such as we have seen at the Surrey hospitals?

So far there has been no evidence that the so-called moderates in the Labour Cabinet were able to stop any of the extreme socialist measures which have been passed since 1974, or even to modify the Government position on such outrages as the Clay Cross affair.

I believe people will soon dis-cover that the pursuit of the "moderate" socialist is a fool's errand. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, House of Commons. March 29.

Hospital picketing

From Mr L. R. Robertson Sir, I see little difference in prin-ciple between foreign terrorists seizing innocent hostages as bargaining counters, and members of a British trade union preventing food and other essential supplies being delivered for helpless 80-year-olds at the Schiff hospital at Epsom in order to enforce their demands at enother hospital.

I hope the TUC or someone else on the union side will speak our clearly, or better still take action, egainst this sort of behaviour, as otherwise can we any longer pretend that we are a more civilized society than others

Yours faithfully. L R. ROBERTSON 24 Bassett Wood Drive, Southampton, Hampshire. March 27.

The Annan Report From Mr Andrew Blundy

Sir, I find the thread of contempt for the average viewer that is woven through your extracts from, and leading article on, the Annan Report both surprising and odious. Both seemed to have been written on the premise that the aims of programme quality and of large audiences are diametrically opposed. I feel that experience has shown that innovative, well produced, "watchable" programmes are quite capable of capturing large numbers of viewers. The fault lies not with the viewer (after all, if he/she is as undiscerning as the Annan Report implies, why the need for a report at all?) but with the schedule planners, who, quite frequently. give the viewing public no alterna nve to the American detective shows, soap operas, and third rate "comedy" shows. I am, Sir, Yours faithfully, ANDREW BLUNDY,

Nuclear power and civil liberties

From Mr Paul Sieghait

Sir, In a leading article on October 28 last, you reviewed a pamphlet called "Nuclear Prospects" by Michael Flood and Robin Grove-White. This raised an important issue which you did not have space to discuss: the possible effect of a large-scale nuclear power pro-gramme on the civil rights and freedoms of United Kingdom citizens, and on the rule of law. That issue is one which must be of central concern to Justice.

To explain why, we must first summarize very briefly the analysis developed in "Nuclear Prospects": 1. A large-scale nuclear power programme needs to reprocess spent fuel elements to extract from them (among other things) plutonium concentrates which are then re-used

as reactor fuel. 2. It is not practical for the reprocessing to take place at the power stations where the fuel is

3. Accordingly, increasing quanti-ties of plutonium—amounting eventually to some thousands of tons a year-will be transported between different places in Great Britain which may be hundreds of miles

apart. 4. Plutonium can be safely handled with rubber gloves: although it is one of the most toxic substances known if it enters the human body, its radioactive emissions are only slight.

5. About six or eight kilograms of plutonium furnish enough nuclear explosive for a small atomic bomb, with a yield equivalent to perhaps 100 tons of high explosive, capable of killing some thousands of people.

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6. Given the plutonium, the technical skills and equipment needed to fabricate such a bomb are not too difficult to find in an are not too difficult to find in an advanced industrial country.

7. Once nuclear power is being generated on a large scale, it would not be long before enough plutonium in transit was "unaccounted for" to make a terrorist threat of an aromic explosion—or of toxic dispersal—sufficiently credible for no responsible government to be able to ignore it.

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8. Accordingly, any responsible government would be bound to take the most stringent steps to protect its citizens from such threats.

9. Those steps would probably need to include, as a minimum, a substantial escalation in the surveillance of citizens by the security services, heavily armed guards for all consignments of plutonium, and sweeping emergency powers of search, seizure and arrest for the police in the event of a terrorist

We found this analysis profoundly disturbing. Accordingly, we wrote

to the Secretary of State for Energy to ask what view he took of it. We have since met Mr Benn and his advisers, and it would seem that apart from the detailed figures "Nuclear Prospects" (which, as the authors themselves recognize, can only be specularive)—the scenario described in that pamphlet is far from fanciful It is worth noting in this connexion that the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority already maintains a Special Constabulary who, following a special Act passed last year, are authorized to carry automatic weapons, and invested with special powers of pursuit and arrest. That constabulary, unlike ordinary police forces, is not answerable to any elected body, such as a local police authority or (in the case of the Metropolitan Police) Parliament

sidering its response to the Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, written under the chairmanship of Sir Brian Flowers. That report dealt principally with the environmental effects of a "nlutonium economy".

of some thousands, not confined within perimeter fences and yet beyond elected control, greatly increased surveillance of members of the public by the security services, and vastly enlarged police powers, then we believe that such a decision should not be taken without decision should not be taken without the fullest and widest public debate in Parliament, in the press, and

elsewhere.

We therefore venture to express the hope that, in its forthcoming response to the Flowers Report, the Government will not fail to make known its views on this issue also.

Technological solutions can often be found for technological problems. But we know of no techno-logical answer to dramatic inroads into civil liberties which may one -when it is too late to go back-be found necessary in the interests of national security, because we have chosen to rely on one source of energy rather than another. If we now make that choice, we must at least make it with a full under-standing of all its possible consequences hereafter,

Yours, etc, PAUL SIEGHART, Joint Chairman, Executive Committee, Tustice (British Section, International Commission of Jurists), 2 Clement's Inn, Strand, WC2. March 23.

Greece and the EEC

From Professor Jean Siotis Sir, In his article published on March 17, Michael Shanks expresses march 11, auchaet Shanks expresses some doubts as to the capacity of our Civil Service to meet the needs of Greece's membership in the European Communities. It will certainly interest your readers to learn that the Greek authorities are taking your exercises who wastion. taking very seriously the question of preparing the Civil Service, our judiciary and, more generally, the country's scientific and technological manpower to meet precisely these

A series of different training programmes are already under way, involving several hundreds civil servams, magistrates and young servants, inagistates and young intellectuals who hold government fellowships and scholarships of all sorts and who follow special sources in various European countries. Moreover, the non-governmental sectors—trade unions, farmers' co-operatives, chambers of commerce and industry, etc.—have undertaken similar programmes, with the sup-port of the government and of the

port of the government and of the Ruropean Commission.

The following examples are characteristic of the types and importance of these programmes:

—At present, 344 civil servants follow intensive five months' language courses. During this period, they are relieved of all duties and we have provided for very considerable material intentives for participants. The British Council, in Athens, is responsible for running the courses in English.

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—A group of young linguists, lawyers and economists will begin an intensive interpretors' training programme in May, at the University of Geneva, with the financial support of the European Commission and of the Greek government.

—Ten young Greeks hold government scholarships at the College of Europe (Bruges).

Consultation

From Dr S. J. H. Ashcroft Sir. As a contribution to the dis-Sir. As a constitution to the discussion by Philip Howard (article, March 28) of that most popular of vogue words "consultation", may I offer the following lines from this year's Eynsham Primary School pantomine. They were spoken by the Evil Queen to her counsellors: Queen: Now I am going off to think of a Plan, When I return you can tell me what a good Plan it is: that is what we Rulers call "Consultation".

Yours faithfully. S. J. H. ASHCROFT. Magdalen College, Oxford.

Daylesford From Mr Peter Reid

Sir, The splendid example of English waitling which has become the sad story of Mentmore has very success-

fully drummed out of view the break-up of Daylesford.

Daylesford, near Moreton-in-Marsh, is one of three surviving houses designed by S. P. Cockerell and the property of the 1700s for and it was built in the 1790s for Warren Hastings during his long lasting trial for impeachment Dur-ing the past 20 years, Viscount Rothermene not only restored the fabric of golden stone and made the park beautiful once more, but the filled it again with an outstanding collection of Hasnings's belongings furniture, pictures, porcelain—even clothing.

New we have the sudden and dramatic news that triantion has brought to an end what was essentially Lord Rothermere's master treation. Hastings's things are no

ambmatic

through the Home Secretary. The Government is currently con-

of a "plutonium economy".

Those of course fall outside Justice's area of competence.

But if the price which our citizens will have to pay for the choice of a large-scale nuclear power programme includes an armed force of some rhousends.

—Since September, 1976, 25 Greek civil servants and young scientifics have participated in the in-service training pregrammes, organized by the European Commission. These programmes last five months and the fellowships are provided by the European Commission and by the Greek Government.

-Thirteen magistrates are following annual courses in community law, in various European universities. They are also bolders of government felk

Last, but not least, in May, 1977, special tenday training programmes will begin in all Greek administrations and the seats of the Courts of Appeal (for magistrates). Our estimation is that, by 1980, more than five themeny dearly servents and then five throughned civil servants and practically, all of our magistrates will have participated in such course.

To the best of my knowledge, and in my capacity as Adviser to the Ministry of Coordination. such extensive programmes have not yet been carried out in any of the Community's new members. Characteristically I should mention that the cost of these programmes for the Greek authorities in 1977 will exceed £600,000. The Greek Government has learnt from the experience of others and it is trying perience of others and it is trying to fill the gaps which undoubtedly exist today, by planning the adaptation of our country's economic, social and administrative structures well in advance of our accession to membership. At the same time, our present activities will enable Greece to put forth, at the time of accession, a great number of high level candidates for employment in the various community ad-

ministrations. Yours, etc, JEAN SIOTIS, Ministry of Coordination, Constitution Square, Athens. March 19.

longer in the house which is now up for sale.

Here is a superb house, little known architecturally which has un rivalled historical interest and which surely has the greatest possible appeal to English taste, Here was an apportunity to constant the was an opportunity to preserve the house, with Hastings's belonging in it to empower trustees to buy more of the great man's possessions when opportunities occurred and to even extend the idea, so Daylesford could become an Angio-Indian museum of the 18th century—in addition to being a shrine to Hastings.
But, of course, in this inert land,

there has not been a single rallying cry for Daylesford. Is there anyone, anywhere, who has that extra ounce of determination to save this house? Yours faithfully,

PETER REID, 49 Sloane Gardens, SW1.

The fall of Rome

From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Cairns Sir, A few years ago, at Pompeii, I heard the view advanced that the decline of Rome was due in some measure to lead poisoning, induced by the lining or caulking sometimes used to prevent leaks in the stone aqueducts, Presonably the onset of poisoning would have been gradual and in parallel with the growth of

the aqueduct system.

If this theory has any substance, some analysis of the likely effects might be possible. Yours faithfully, G. C. CAIRNS, Monckswood,

Wembury, Plymouth,

Money supply and inflation

From Professor Lord Kaldor, FBA Sir, In your leading article today (March 30) you repeat the assertion that "the evidence is that the money supply determined the future. movement in prices" and "there is a time lag of approximately two years between changes in monetary policy and changes in the inflation rate". May I draw your attention . to the paper by Roger Tarling and Frank Wilkinson on "Inflation and money supply " in the current Cambridge Economic Policy Review. which convincingly demonstrates that in the case of the United Kingdom at any rate, there is no histo-rical evidence whatever that anysuch contention—with the exception of a brief period of two years for which the correlation can convincingly be shown to be the fortuitous

result of coincidence. Some two years ugo W. D. Nordhouse, of Yale (now a member of President Carter's Council of Economic Advisers), came to the same conclusion in an econometric study published by the Brookings Institu-tion which covered a number of advanced countries and not just the United Kingdom.

It is often 'suggested that assertions can come to be firmly believed if they are repeated frequently enough. If this is true, the basic tenets of monetarism may now have aquired the status of some of the fundamental teners of religion, and, may well have passed the stage at which they are vulnerable to the findings of empirical studies. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS KALDOR,

Cambridge, March 30.

The 'Panorama' school From Mr Gerard N. Hughes

Sir, The concern of members of the Education Committee of the London Borough of Ealing about some of the proceedings leading to the BBC sponsored Panorama programme on Faraday School will be heightened by the letter from Missi-Angela Pope (March 28). She refers to encouragement by the "Labour controlled London Borough of Ealing". As the Chairman of its Education Committee I am only aware of one occasion when the matter was discussed—and that was when the full Education Committee: met on November 10, 1976-when permission was given, subject to conditions, for a film "the main purpose of which would be to give a genuine portrait of daily life in a large secondary school". I, and my committee members, intend dispassionately to examine what has in fact happened and I do not, there-fore, wish to comment prematurely except to say that some points in Miss Pope's letter do not accord with my recollection of events or my understanding of fact. Yours faithfully,

G. N. HUGHES, Chairman of London Borough of Ealing Education Committee, Town Hall. Ealing, W5.

1.1 From Mr Michael Lourie
Sir, As one of the Ealing Education Committee who voted in support of allowing Panorama to film at Fpraday High School, I should like to assure Angela Pope (March 28) that after seeing the film I have no after seeing the film I have no regrets. It is a good thing that the public should be aware of some of the problems, that classroom teachers face. Other than being a councilior, I am a teacher at a comprehensive school in West Drayton. I enjoy teaching my 3rd, 4th and 5th year classes but sometimes it is a struggle. Standards at Feraday are comparable to most comprehensive schools in Greater London, Angela Pope has succeeded in showing the Pope has succeeded in showing the reality of the situation.
Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL LOURIE, Tabour councillor. Town Hall, Ealing, W5, March 28,

A flight of butterflies

From Mr M. Broughton Sir, Spraying over the cultivated lands, orchards, nurseries and gardens of Mallorca is thorough, systematic and almost ritualistic. To see a butterfly was to be surprised by iov.

Today (March 24) I was delighted to see three Heath Fridilaries (Melitaea Athalia) feeding or resting on a lavender bush (L. stoechas L.) and in obvious health and colour. As moved closer they flew not randomly but directly and purpose-fully west. Still a little incredulous I followed their flight carefully and found myself standing in a stream or flowing drift of the same butter

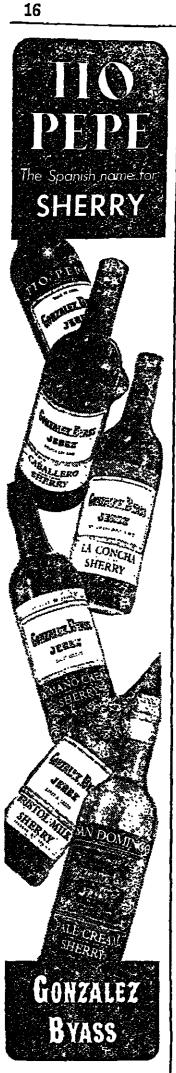
They were flying gaily, dancingly bu? steadily from east to west against a gently blowing west wind, riding easily above and through it. They were not in swarms but in loose throngs and clusters, following a path 200 metres above sea level, five metres wide and ranging from ground level to above the pine tree

The rippling flight began at 11.15, British Summer Time, and continued until 3.15 in the efternoon, although there were still stragglers at six o'clock. They flew without being attracted by flowers or blossoming shrubs, all the time from east to west. Were they making for the pine woods on the further hillside, the gladanthus carpeted farmlands marking the approaches to Palma or migrating? Have they also developed some immunity to powerful insecticides?

Perhaps some of your naturalis readers, many of whom have visited Mallorca and enriched our know-ledge of its flora and fauna, would give some information. Yours sincerely, MORRIS EROUGHTON,

D'Alt Muntanya, S'Empeliada Beya, Mallorca,

Spain, March 24,



Another two

Two new national nature reserves and extensions to four others are announced by the Nature Con-Both are in North Yorkshire.
Scar Close, at the foot of Ingleborough, in the Yorkshire Dales
National Park, comprises 230
acres of limestone and moorland,
comprositing of the pro-Forge Valley woods, near Scar-

Scots buildings

repair of Victorian terraces in the west Glasgow conservation area, and the restoration of bouses in New Lanark for owner-occupation.

Mr R. A. Farquharson to be Ambassador to Yugoslavia in June, in succession to Sir Dugald Stewart, who retires next month. Major-General R. B. Loudon to be executive director of the Mental Health Formation.

administrator of stotlish opera, to be general manager of the Australian Opera in the autumn.

Sir Edward Goschen to be a commissioner and Mr Peter Shepheard to be artistic adviser of the Commonwealth War Graves Commis

Professor I. G. Stewart and Mr G. R. Gay to be part-time members of the Restrictive Practices Court.

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CLARENCE HOUSE

March 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Counsellors of State under Her Majesty's Commission, held a Council on behalf of The Queen at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon.

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There were present: the Right
Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord
President), the Right Hon Bruce
Millan, MP (Secretary of State for
Scotland), the Right Hon John
Morris, MP (Secretary of State
for Wales), and the Right Hon Dr
Dickson Mabon, MP (Minister of
State, Department of Energy).

Sir Rousleyn Cumming-Ruce Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce (Lord Justice of Appeal) was sworn in a blember of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Neville Leigh was in attend-

ance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Michael Foot,
MP, had an audience of the Counsellors of State before the Council. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, was present this evening at the Royal Film Performance in aid of the Cluema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Theatre, Leicester

The Lady Grimthorpe and Cap-tain Alastair Aird were in attend-ance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 30: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as President, this morning attended a meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem at No 1 Grosvenor Crescent. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness was present at the Annual General Meeting of the East Africa Women's League (United Kinedom). (United Kingdom). Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE March 30: The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Asso-ciation, this evening attended the World Cup Match between Eng-land and Luxembourg at the Empire Stadium, Wembley. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, will attend the premiere of the film A Bridge too Far, at the Liecester Square Theatre, in aid of The Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Arrborne Forces Security Fund, the RAF Benevolent Fund, and the Refisch Academy Fund and the British Academy for Film and Television Awards, on June 23.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Cockburn, 68; Viscount Furness, 48; Sir Jim Holland, 66; Mr D. J. Rees, 64; the Very Rev Dr G. T. H. Reid, 67; Canon Charles H. Smyth, 74; Miss Antonia White, 78.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr N. J. Douglas and Dr S. McL. Galloway

The engagement is announced between Neil James, elder son of Sir Donald and Lady Douglas, of Whitehouse of Nevay, Angus, and Sue McLaren, daughter of Dr and Mrs T. McL. Galloway of Chichegor

Mr A. J. Badcock and Miss F. C. MacGibbon Lewis The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Badcock, of Cobham, Surrey, and Fabienne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bunny MacGibbon Lewis, of Dolphin Square, London, SW1.

Dr N. Buskard and Dr V. Livingstone

the engagement is announced between Noël Buskard, son of the late Warren Buskard and Mrs Buskard, of Ottawa, Canada, and Verity Livingstone, daughter of the late Gavin Livingstone and Mrs Livingstone, of Yarnton, Oxfordshire. Mr A. Gilroy and Miss J. Neill

The engagement is announced between Alexander Gilroy, of 11 Gloucester Place, Edinburgh, and Jean Neill, of Ardmillan, Mauchline, Ayrshire.

Mr A. R. Humphrey
and Miss A. L. Wood
The marriage is to take place on
July 23 at The Abbey, Selby, of
Anthony Robert, son of Mr and
Mrs Idwal R. Humphrey, of
Reves Hall, Eyke, Suffolk, and
Ann Louise, only daughter of Mr
and Mrs John F. Wood, of 11
Kitchener Street, Selby, Yorkshire. shire.

Mr L Murray and Miss F. Bell and Miss F. Beil
The engagement is announced between lan, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Murray, Ballymenoch, Cardross, and Flona Falconer, second daughter of Sheriff and Mrs Stewart Bell, 23 Cleveden Drive, Glasgow.

Mr T. I. S. Sangster and Miss H. J. Beetham

and Miss H. J. Beemam
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, elder son of
Mr and Mrs J. L. Sangster, of
Mole End, High Molewood, Hertford, and Hilary, daughter of Mr
and Mrs F. S. Beetham, of
Rickneys, Ware, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr M. Leigh and Mrs M. T. Bright The marriage between Mr Morris Leigh and Mrs Manja T. Bright took place on Wednesday, March 30, at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London, Wi.

Mr D. W. D. Southron and Miss E. K. Brookes The marriage took place on March 26 at Christ Church, The Quinton. Birmingham, between Mr David Southron, of Burnt Ash Hill. London, SE12, and Miss Elinor Kay Brookes, of Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands.

Royal Caledonian Ball The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W1, on Monday, May 9. Tickets may be obtained from the ball office, which will be open at Grosvenor House from Monday, April 4.

of Argyll and the is

Judge retires

Judge Noakes retires today from the circuit Bench. He was appointed to the County Court Bench in 1968 and became a circuit judge on the South Eastern Circuit ou the coming into force of the Courts Act in January, 1972.

Chagall fetches a record £115,000 OBITUARY

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent It was Sotheby's turn yesterday to have a little difficulty in selling

It was Sotheby's turn yesterday to have a little difficulty in selling impressionist and modern paintings. Renoir's "Jeune fille au banc" was sold to Dreesman, a collector from Amsterdam, at £125,000 (estimate £150,000). Painted in 1875, it depicts Nini Lopez, one of Renoir's favourite models.

But the other two high-filers failed to sell, Braque's "Guitare et bouteille de rhum" at £160,000 (estimate £180,000) and another Renoir, "Portrait de Jean" at £65,000 (estimate £88,000 to £106,000).

One anction record was established, however, when Marc Chagall's "Les Mariés et le coq", dated 1939-47, made £115,000 (estimate £90,000 to £110,000); the previous record of £102,880 was set in 1973.

Japanese dealers were very active buyers and accounted for most of the strongest prices. "Baigneuses", by Camille Pissarro, of 1896, with three girlightly draped by a woodland stream, made £83,000 (estimate £70,000 to £88,000), to Hirano.

The sale totalled £1,978,700, with 30 per cent, or 18 lots out of 70, unsold. In the main, prices were running a little below estimate, indicating that those prepared to Cut their reserves could still sell

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Softheby's also sold a selection of stulpture and drawings from the Werner and Nelly Bär collection of Zurich, 22 lots, for £183,500, with 14 per cent unsold. Mailett's paid £7,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000) for a bronze relief of the Judgment of Paris by Renofr; Archipenko's bronze, "Turning Torso", of 1921, made £14,000 (estimate £15,000 to £18,000).

The afternoon sale of water-colours and drawings went rather better than the paintings, totalling £405,390, with 24 per cent unsold. A watercolour made by Géricault after his famous oil, "The raft of the Medusa", made £21,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000) to Krugler of Paris.

mate £20,000 to £25,000) to Krugler of Parls.
At Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Tuesday the first sale of important modern manuscripts and first editions from the collection of Jouathan Goodwin made £266,076, about 50 per cent more than the top estimate.

The star lot was a group of 30 letters from Hemingway to his

Luncheons

Prime Minister The Prime Minister and Mrs James Callaghan were hosts at a lun-cheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of M Leopold

Mrs M. Thatcher, MP Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, gave a luncheon party at the House of Commons yesterday in honour of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Robert Muddoon.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, gave a buffet luncheon at 7 Old Palace Yard yesterday in honour



Chagall's "Les mariés et le coq", which fetched £115,000

parents covering the years 1920-28, when he was working as a journalist and having his first successes as a writer. They made \$55,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000) or £37,791.

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Notable prices included a first edition William Carlos Williams Poems of 1909 at \$16,000 (estimate \$8,000 to \$10,000) or \$9,302 and a first edition of D. H. Lawrence's The Rainhow of 1915, most of the copies of which were suppressed, at \$2,200 (estimate \$500 to \$700)

of delegates attending the eighth conference of the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean Region. Unit Trust Association

Unit Trust Association
Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of
State for Trade, was the principal
guest at the annual luncheon of
the Unit Trust Association held
yesterday at Carpenters' Hall. Mr
Edgar Palamountain, chairman of
the association, presided. Other
guests included;
Mr K. H., Allen, Mr M. Belton, Mr B.
Bender, Mr P. A. R. Brown, Mr B.
Eagers, Mr Isa Fraser, Mr N. Gartia,
Mr W. C. Harris, Sir Jasper Holton,
Mr W. C. Harris, Sir Jasper Holton,
Mr D. A. Hunter Johnston, Mr I. G.
Renninston, Mr D. C. Mactonald, Mr
M. O'Brien, Mr P. Portlin, Mr
M. Verwy, Miss G. H. Welch and Mr
R. Wilson.

Dinners

Prime Minister Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs James
Callaghan were hosts at a dinner
at 10 Downing Street yesterday in
honour of the Prime Minister of
New Zealand and Mrs R. D.
Muldoon. The other guests were:
The New Zuland High Commissioner
and Mrs Carler. Bir J. J. W. Corner
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and Mrs D. B. G. McLean; Mr Denis
Healey. MP. and Mrs Healey. Dr David
Owen, MP, and Mrs Guelay. Dr David
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Owen, MP, and Mrs Stillen, Mr
William Whitelaw, MP, and Mrs Stillen, Mr
William Whitelaw, MP, and Mrs Whitelaw, Mr David Steel, Mp. Lord and
Lady Thomson of Monthleth. Mr Bryan

A sale of Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts at Sotheby's Belgravia made 581,183 with 4 per cent un-

British Medical Association The chairman of council of the British Medical Association, Dr J. C. Cameron, entertained the president of the association, Mr Barry O'Donnell, and Mrs O'Donnell at dinner at BMA House last night. Others present included:

Royal College of Surgeons of Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeous of England, and Lady Smith gave a dinner party at the college yester-day evening. Those present in-cluded: Professor and Mrs Charles Rob. Profes-sor and Mrs Hugh Dudley. Mr and Mrs H. H. G. Eastcott, Professor Francis Moore and Mr Ronald W. Raven.

Vincent's Club Oxford The annual dinner of Vincent's Club Oxford was held at Lord's Cricket Ground last night. The Hon William Douglas-Home was the guest of honour, and Mr P. W. Kininmonth was in the chair.

Lord Harris had asked the

Lord Harris had asked the National Trust to take over the National Trust to take over the responsibility, but it had demurred, the judge said. Lord Harris end his son now proposed to set up their own charitable trust to maintain the stately home

but, since the trustees were bound by the terms of the settlement, the Court's approval was neces-

Giving his consent, the judge said: "It seems that the primary object is not to preserve Beimont as a home for persons who are beneficiaries under the settlement

but to preserve it for posterity as part of the heritage of this country." It was the fulfilment of an aim that both Lord Harris and Captain Harris were anxious to achieve. Among the heiritoms at Belmont is a collection of more

Forest owners to

tax concessions

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Concessions to forest owners that will cost more than £1.75m by

will cost more than 11.75m by 1981 were announced by the Government yesterday. They came after a study of the industry by an interdepartmental working party chaired by a Treasury official.

Mr Davies, Minister of State to Treasury said in a Com-

than 200 clocks,

get £1.75m

MR DAVID PATEY

MISS JOYCE BARBOUR

A long career on the stage

Miss Joyce Barbour, the actress, died in hospital at Northwood, Middlesex, on March 14 at the age of 75.

She was born at Binningham Gerald Savory's comedy George and Margaret in which Miss Barbour achieved her first appearance on the stage in her native city in 1914 as a pantonime fairy and during her stage career of more than 40 years pleyed a wide variety of parts in revue, musical productions and learn and remained there for

ing her stage career of more than 40 years played a wide variety of parts in revue, musical productions and

musical productions and straight comedies. As the years passed she completely changed her style and from the light-hearted singer and dancer she became one of the most delightful, and accomplished players of middle-aged parts. She had a keen sense of humour and when required could introduce a current of the current of t

could introduce a custaing edge into her work which was in no

way representative of her per-sonal character.

in the chorus of Tonight's the Night. A few years later she went to the Empire as understudy to Miss Edith Day in Irene and acquirted herself admirably when called on to play the leading part for eight weeks. In 1924 and again in 1928 she was playing in New York and in the intervening period she was seen in a number of Loudon productions including Archie de Bear's winty revue Punch Bowl. In Cochran's speciacular production Ever Green at the end of 1930 she enhanced and diversified the spectacle by her

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The second phase of her career began in 1933 when she

appeared in a revival of Noel Coward's comedy Hay Fever in

dancing.

Her first London appearance was at the Gaiety in April, 1915, in the chorus of Tonight's the

Mr David Patey, MS, FRCS, who died on March 27 at the age of 77, was one of the last of the rapidly dying out generation of general surgeons who lent such lustre to the London teaching hospitals during the between-war era. He was equally well known as a teacher and seldom, if ever, pulled his punches when he felt that current trends in medi-Mr David Patey, MS, FRCS, felt that current trends in medi-cal education were going awry. Like all good practitioners of

Like all good practitioners of his art, his surgery was based upon a sound knowledge of surgical pathology. While his surgical scope was wide he acquired a particularly high reputation both at home and overseas in surgery of the breast and of the salivary glands. Indeed, in this latter field he acquired a unique knowledge and his writings on knowledge and his writings on these subjects were recognized as among the most authoritative. Equally characteristic of his clarity of mind and writing was his Introduction to Surgery published in 1958.

published in 1958.

David Howard Patey was born in October, 1899. He graduated from London University in 1923 with honours in surgery and obstetrics and gynaecology and was awarded the University God Medal. He proceeded to his MS in 1927. This brilliant academic 1927. This brilliant academic

equally brilliant post graduate career and among the meny awards he received were the Jacksonian Prize of the Royel College of Surgeons of England of which he had become a Fellow in 1924, the Streatfield Scholarship of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and he had also served as a Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons.

His surgical experience was

bill at Wyndhams a few weeks later and remained there for two years. Her part was that of the foolishly amiable mother of a family which is threatened by a visit from two crashing bores, husband and wife, who had not materialized when the final curtain feld in spite of the fact that they had given their names to the play. Although nothing much seemed to happen on the stage the audience was kept in a continual roar of laughter. It was in fact an evening of

was in fact an evening of talk " which depended for its

was in fact an evening of stalk" which depended for its effect on a kind of unfailing appress and even exasseration of the commonplace. Miss Barbour made full use of the opportunities which were offered to her. She was the wife of Mr Richard Bird, well known in the thearte both as an actor and producer, and it was his skill in the latter direction that had much to do with the success of George and Margaret.

She had much the same kind of part in 1944 in Reginald Beckwith's comedy A Soldier for Christmas. Later performances in Blithe Spirit, in Harbey, and in The Happiest Days of Your Life gave her further chances to demonstrate her versatility and she brought a deft and confident touch into every

and confident touch into every part she played. She had been seen in a number of films.

His surgical experience was acquired at a wide range of London hospitals including the Middlesex Hospital, Sr. Mark's Hospital and St. Peter's Hospital and in 1930 he was appointed surgeon to the Middlesez Hospital, an appointment he held until his retirement in 1964. During his last eight years there he was director of surgical studies at the Middle sex Hospital Medical School.

Among the many honours bestowed upon him both at bestowed upon num nome ar home and overseas were the presidency of the Sorgical Research Society and the Section of Surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine, and honorary Fellowships of the American Surgical Association and the Royal Society of and the Royal Society of Medicine.

He spent his retirement in Hythe, which gave him full scope for his love of birdwatch-ing.

career was the prelude to an PATRIARCH JUSTINIAN

With the death on March 26 of Petriarch Justinian, at the age of 76, the Romanian Orthodox Church has lost a humble priest, a pastoral bishop, and a shrewd leader, who skilfully guided his church for nearly 28

vears. Born in 1901, he completed his studies at the Theorogical Faculty in Bucharest. In 1924 he was ordained priest, and worked in a parish until he was appointed to the staff of the theological seminary at Rimnica Vilcea, of which he finally became Director. In 1945 he became Assistant Bistop in the Archdiocese of Iasi, and two years later was made Metropolitan of Moldavia and Suceava, In 1948 he was elected Archbishop of Burharest, Metropolitan of Ungro-Vlahia, and Patriarch of the Romanian

Orthodox Church. He had the daunting responsibility of guiding and guarding the church during the early years of the new People's Re-public, and the sanisfaction of seeing it emerge in the course of the 1960s as one of the strongest churches in Eastern Europe. Closely bound up with the national life and conscious-

the Orthodox Church is an important institution in modern Romania, tacitly recognized as such by the government of the Socialist Republic. Under his leadership, the

church was reorganized internally, and developed an impressive network of relationships with churches abroad Contacts with Reformed, Anglican and more recently, Roman Carbolic churches were encouraged at all levels, and the Patriarch paid a number of visits abroad. well as welcoming church leaders from other countries in Romania. Particularly cless links were forged with the Anglican Church. Archbishop Michael Ramsey visited Romania in 1965, when he awarded Patriarch Justinian the Lambeth Cross for his world for beth Cross for his work for Christian unity. In 1966 the Patriarch paid a return visit to Lambeth. One of his last acts was to preside in January over the conferment of honorary doc-torates on several distinguished non-Orthodox churchmen from abroad. To Patriarch Justinian

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of the Romanian Orthodox Church, and its readiness to par-ticipate so fully in the ecumentness of the Romanian people. MR ROBIN FEDDEN Lord Antrim writes: Robin Fedden was a scholar.

poet and writer, who had used his gifts in the past 27 years to protect and bring to life the long catalogue of houses and other buildings which had become the property of the National Trust. He alone of those who worked for the National Trust combined the knowledge, the taste and under-standing of the life of those who built and furnished those buildings that the National Trust has believed worthy of protection. In fact in many

cases it was Robin's opinion on the merits of particular houses which swayed the final decisions taken by the trust.

Apart from early years in Apart from early years in France and England he also spent many years in the Levant, so that his lively and retentive mind was stocked with the accumulation of three civilizations. He loved all that was beautiful and had quality with the exception of music which had no real appeal to him. since 1950. Knole, Petworth, The Vyne, Saltram, Hardwick, Sudbury, Clandon, Uppark, Ickworth, the

list goes on and on, and it was Robin's knowledge and taste that has given new life to these houses for the discriminating and the townist to understand

he believed alterations had to be made, had the effect that in nearly every case he finished the argument by becoming a lifelong friend of his opponent. For myself, I spent many completely happy days helping Robin to alter the houses that have come to the trust. I now have come to the trust. I now wish they had been twice as

MR NUNNALLY JOHNSON

Mr Nunnally Johnson, the follywood screenwriter, pro-lucer and director, died on direct 25 at the age of 79. He tarted life as a journalist and attern had considerable success is a writer of short stories, In 1933 he became a screenwriter and seem of this first producing and directing his films and among the productions of this first produce a writer and seem of this first produce a writer and seem of this first produce a writer and seem of this first produce as writer and the writer himself. These included The Moon is Down (1943), Gunfighter (1950) and Rommel, Desart Fox (1951). He finally graduated to writing, producing and directors himself. These included The Moon is Down (1943), Gunfighter (1950) and Rommel, Desart Fox (1951). He finally graduated to writing, producing and directing his films and among the producing and directing Hollywood screenwriter, pro-ducer and director, died on March 25 at the age of 79. He started life as a journalist and later had considerable success as a writer of short stories. In 1933 he became a screenwriter and went on to produce a wide range of scripts, among which were The House of Rothschild (1934), Jesse James (1939), The Grapes of Wrath (1940) and Tobacco Road (1941).

Later he produced his own films which, however, he con-

Night People (1954), The Three Faces of Eve (1957) and The Man Who Understood Women (1959). At the end of this period he continued to write and produce films in Holly-wood.

national nature reserves

By Our Planning Reporter supporting a number of rare plants.

borough, are owned by the borough council, and the object of the management agreement is to ensure survival of the semi-The four reserves being extended are The Lizard, Cornwall: Pewsey Downs, Wiltshire; Swale, on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent; and Kingley Vale, Sussex.

£160,000 aid for

Grants to improve outstanding buildings in Scotland rose from £13,300 in 1974-75 to £160,000 in 1975-76, the Historic Buildings 1975.76, the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland reported yes-terday. Schemes to benefit included the

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

Health Foundation.
Mr Peter Hemmings, general administrator of Scottish Opera, to

Legal

Memorial services

The Most Rev J. Luwum The Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing, the Archbishop of York was present and the Speaker was represented by Brigadier Sir Noel Short at a Brigamer Sir Noel Short at a memorial service for the Most Rev Janam Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire, held in Wesminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of Abovey yesterday. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Job, the Archdeacon of Westminster, and Mgr F. J. Bardett (also representing Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster). The Rev Harry Moutan (Secretary) Morton (Secretary of the British Council of Church) and the Right Rev J. K. Russell read the lessons, and the Bishop of St Edmundsbury Among others present were:

and Ipswich gave an address. Among others present were:

Mr Ben Okello (1901), the High Commissioner for The Bahamas and Lady Braynen, the Ambassador of Israel. Ben Mr Head of High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and Libertan Ambassador, the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and Mrs Mendis, and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; the Apostotic Delegals, Earl St Aldwyn (representing the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords), the Earl of March and Knavar and Vinity), Viscount Boyd of Marton, the Bishops of Lordon, Binningham, Brisiol, Carlisle, Durby, Galidford, Lawes frepresenting the Bishop of Childrents, Hertford (representing the Bishop of Childrents).

Today's engagements

lays foundation-stone of St Saviour's Priory, Haggerston, east London, 3.30; later receives delegates to United Kingdom and Mediterracean Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Clarence House, 6.30. Princess Margarer attends silver jubilee fashion show organized

Exhibition of Great Britain stamps

Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

Princess Alexandra visits St Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam, 2.45.

and postal history, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 9.30-4.30 (final

Gallery talk: Byron and Shelley, the Scrope Davies trunk find, British Library Reference Divi-sion, Bloomsbury, 1.15 (final

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, March 31, 1952

Wrs Sheffield (widow), Miss Serena Sheffield (daughter), the Hon Robert and Mrs Hoyer Miller (son-in-law and

me experts and inneed the whole country last night when he interpolated near the end of his speech to 5,000 faithful Democrats assembled in the National Guard armoury to celebrate Jefferson-Jackson Day 44 words announcing that he would not be a candidate for the precidency this year. The that he would not be a candidate for the presidency this year. The President had been speaking for nearly 25 minutes during which he had castigated the Republican Party in the manner approved for such gatherings—without, it must be admitted, evoking the hysterical enthusiasm which is the standard response in election years—and had made the usual claims of what the Democratic Party had done for had made the usual claims of what the Democratic Party had done for the country while in office when he came to the sentence: "Who-ever the Democratic nominee for President may be this year he will have this record to run on ". And then, instead of continuing with his prepared text Mr Truman said: "I shall not be a candidate for re-election.

jubilee fashion snow organized hy Fashion Promotions, Hotel Inter-Continental, 12; visits London Designer Collections' Exhibition, Inn on the Park,

Washington, March 30.—Mr Truman surprised his audience, the experts and indeed the whole

Science report

Zoology: Moths with a colour problem

Industrial melanism is the name given to a well known piece of seems to have required a change in industrial evolution by some species of moth. That evolutionary ment melanish to darken the moths yere camouflaged against the sooty tree tranks of industrial Engineers will presumably have sooty tree tranks of industrial Engineers will presumably have sooty tree tranks of industrial Engineers will presumably have continued in the settle on light backgrounds appropriate to its original pale colouration. further evolutionary problem, which it now seems they have not

difficulty is to choose a tree The difficulty is to choose a tree truck with a colour appropriate to that of the moth's wings, the choice is literally vital to the moths, which are night-flying spemoths, which are night-flying spemoths that spend their days motionless on tree gunks. Pale moths on dark prusses, and dark moths on dark prusses, and dark moths on pale trunks, are very quickly devoured by predators.

Both pale and melanic moths belong to the same species: several species, when given a choice, will tend to choose the background on which they cannot be seen, Similar but more detailed experiments by Dr R. C. belong to the same species: several species have both "typical" and

In that case, moths would be dependent on finding themselves by chance in an area that gave

detailed experiments by Dr R. C.

Steward, of University College, Cardiff, have shown that in one particular species, the typical moths always choose pale backgrounds but only about half the melanic moths choose dark ones. Dr Steward has worked with two generations of moths so as to try to discern the possible genetic basis for their preferences. So far, his results have given no clear answer, but they suggest that preference is determined by a gene that is separate from the melanic gene though linked to it.

The judges for this year's £5,000 Booker Prize for Fiction are

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Journal of Zoology (181, 371 and 395; 1977). @ Nature-Times News Service

Blatop of St Albana), Manchester, Nowcastle, Norwich, Portsmouth, Rochester Jad Truro, Bishop Gerald Mahon (representing the Roman Catho-iss Bishops Conference of England and Wales), Bishops L. Usher-Wilson, John Howe, Oliver Tomitins, Stephen Neili, R. E. Lyth, P. Brazier and Francis Moncreff (representing the Francis Moncrieff (representing the Bishop of Angyll and the Isles). Lard Geronwy-Roberts, Lord Ryers, Lord Elton, Mr. E. Roylands, MP (representing Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the tion Adam Butler, MP (representing Leader of the Opposition). Mr. Jereny Thorpe, MP (representing Leader of the Liberal Party), Mr. J. E. H. Dayles, MP, the Provost of Sheffield, the Rev T. R. B. Mc. Domaid (representing Architecture, Margan, J. W. Hams, M. C. Domaid (representing Architecture, Margan, J. W. Hams, C. Consolidation, Mr. G. Oven (representing Architecture, Margan, J. Father Ulliam Burridge (representing The White Fathers), Dr. Martin Aliker (representing Church of Usands and Church of Renya), the Rev Dr. J. Fraser McLuskey (representing Church of Scotland), the Rev T. R. Ashton (representing Indicated and Church of Modele East), the Rev T. R. Ashton (representing Indicated and Church of Scotland), the Rev T. R. Ashton (representing Indicated and Church of Scotland), the Rev T. R. Ashton (representing Indicated and Church of Scotland), the Rev T. R. Ashton (representing Bible Churchman's Missionary Society). Maior R. C. R. Sheffield A memorial service for Major E. C. R. Sheffield was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street yesterday. The Rev John Caskell officiated. Mr Regmald Sheffield (son) read the lesson and the Bishop of Grimsby gave an address. Among those present were:

Latest wills

Leading artists' work

left to museums. Mr John Norman Bryson, a tutor in English language and literature, Balliol College, Oxford, 1940-63, left £195,975 net. He left pictures by leading artists to museums. They include a miniature, "Por-trait of an unknown young man". by Nicholas Hilliard, to the Vic-toria and Albert Museum and "Male nude", by Cézame, "Ballerina; jockey; and seated man playing fiddle", by Degas; and "Female nude", by Modig-liani, to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

He also left to the Ashmolean pictures by D. G. Rossetti, William Morris, Ford Madox Brown, and Burne Jones and other artists. After other bequests the residue is shared among the Spastics Society, the National Association for Mental Health, Belfast Council of Social Welfare, the National Trust, and the National Art-Collections Fund.

Booker Prize judges

The judges for this year's £5,000 Booker Prize for Fiction are announced today. The chairman is to be Philip Larkin, the poet and novelist, winner of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1965 and editor of The Oxford Book of Twensieth Century English Verse. The other judges are Beryl Bainbridge, author of The Dressmaker and The Bottle Factory Outing, and David Hughes, novelist and editor of the New Fiction Society; Brendan Gill, editor of the New Forter Society; Brendan Gill, editor of the New Forter Society; Brendan Gill, editor of the New Forter Society; Brendan Gill, editor of the New Yorker and Robin Ray, the broadcaster. The judges will select a short-list of between three and six novels in October. The winner will be announced on November 23. announced on November 23.

Lord Harris can leave his home to the nation Lord Harris, who is 87, of Bel- that in the event of the death of Captain Harris, there was no reason to suppose that another member of the family would be anxious to accept the responsi-

mont, Kent, was given leave by Mr Justice Brightman in the High Court yesterday to fulfil his life-long ambition, to leave his stately home, Belmout Park, near Faversham, for posterity as part of the heritage of Britain.

nextage of Hrwam.

The judge held that he could do so after a protracted hearing in private during which trustees Lord Harris has appointed to handle his affairs sought permission to after the terms of the trust.

The judge said that on March 23, 1966, Lord Harris made a striction and a discretionary trust for the benefit of his family. The Belmont estate comprised a mausion house built in 1780. It contained valuable heirlooms. Lord Harris and his son, Cap-tain George Harris, aged 57, were now auxious that the Belmont estate should be preserved for the nazion. But there were two difficulties; the expense of main-taining such a large house and,

Working class supplies third of professionals

By a Staff Reporter Managerial and professional jobs are more open to working class

Manageriai and professional jons are more open to working-class people than is commonly believed, according to a national survey of social mobility. The findings were reported to the annual meeting in Sheffield yesterday of the British Sociological Association.

It said sons of professional men had often slipped down the social scale in the past three generations. The middle class had no "dynastic security" of the kind enjoyed by Britain's social elite, the owners of capital, senior civil servants, directors, hisbops and generals.

Research for the survey was conducted by a team at Aberdeen University and convolorated by parallel work in England at Nuffield College, Oxford, it showed that about a third of professionals and managers were recruited from the working class.

Mr Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply that the dedication condition for capital transfer tax retief under schedule nine of the Finance Act, 1975, would be dropped. That concession was considered essential by private woodland owners. Mr Davies said a new planting scheme would be introduced to encourage growth of broadleaf trees in the lowlends. "I hope the arrangements I have "I hope the arrangements I have amounced will restore confi-dence", he added. **Lord Rothermere to sell**

Daylesford House estate By Our Estates Correspondent
Lord and Lady Rothermere are to
seld Daylestord House and its
estate of 492 acres, near Chipping
Norton, on the borders of
Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire.
Offers of between £750,000 and
film are being asked through
Knight, Prank and Runley, the
London agents. The house, which
has a gnade two listing, was built
between 1790 and 1796 to a design
by Samuel Pepys Cockerell for
Warren Hastings, whose home it
was for the last thirty years of
his life, including the seven-year By Our Estates Correspondent

Wild peony rescue Seeds from Britain's only recorded surviving wild peony, on the taland of Steep Holm, in the Bristol Channel, have been gerperiod of his trial for impeachment.

It was bought by Lord Rothermere in 1946 in a rundown state after use by the Army. There are five reception rooms, a cinema, billiard room, seven main bedrooms, two dressing rooms and eight bathrooms, all en mate, with entensive staff quarters and a six-bedroom annere. The estate includes a stud farm with 56 acres of railed paddocks, a home farm of 309 acres, 13 cottages, three lodges and a village hall. Letters, page 15 Exmoor land study

period of his trial for impeach-

An independent study into land use on Exmoor was amounced yesterday by Mr Howell, Minister of State for the Environment. Farmers and conservationism have been in conflict over the ploughing up of acres of the national park, and the amountement is in response to a request for a study from the Exmoor park committee. minated in a Lome Regis garden. They will be transplanted to the island to ensure the survival of the species.

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Very briefly that was the man whom the National Trust by some mirarle persuaded to be responsible for the buildings that flooded into its possession

must be given much of the credit for the present vitality

and the norms to unuerstand and enjoy.

Inevitably, benefactors were at times wounded by the changes made to their old homes, but Robin's tact and the trouble he took to explain why he hallered alterations had to

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Herr Issyvoo in his element

Christopher and his Kind By Christopher Isherwood :

(Eyre Methuen, £4.95)

"This phrase, I am a camera" writes Christopher Isherwood of John van Druten's play during the course of the fluent, mischievous and immensely entertaining striptease called Christopher and his Kind.

was to label Christopher inds to idoci Caristapher himself as one of those eternal outsiders who watch the passing parade of life lukewarm bloodedin, with wistful impotence. From in, with visiful impotence. From that time on, whenever he published a book, there would always be some critic who would quote it, praising Mr Isherwood for his sharp eye but blaming him for not daving to get, out of his focal depth and become humanly involved with his sitters.

The new autobiography of his life in the Thirties, his best book for some years, sets out to challenge this received view of his excessive detachment by showing Isherwood's life for the first time in the element which has most commanded its emotions, loyalty and commit-ment: his homosexuality. The fabled availability of boys and the protection of an exciting new language were his chie reasons for quining England and going to Berlin in the first place, in 1929, and homosexuality was the defiant fortress inside which he fought rebellious campaigns at home. "Girls", he writes here, para-phrasing his thoughts at that

are what the State and the Church and the Low and the Press and the medical profession endorse, and command me to desire. My mother endorses them too. . . . If boys didn't exist, I chould have to impost them. should have to invent them.

Auden, whose own homosexuality was of a quieter, less religio-political kind, pounced on that last admission more

than once and teasingly accused Christopher of being a repressed heterosexual. In a very funny poem, he also compared him to a cross between a cavalry major and a prim landledy and once described him as "the cruellest and most unscrupulous person he had ever met ".

Christopher rather liked that For none of his close friends did he feel such awe as for Auden, and any remark in which he is the centre of attention absorbed him then as now: his whole book admits it. When others tire of talking about him, he takes over the discussion himself. He is far from being the only Narcissus in what can be seen increasingly as an ex-ceptionally self-conscious generation, but he is one of the most unusual: since he invariably deplores what he sees in the water there is never the slight-est danger that this Narcissus will overbalance and crash in. Quite the reverse: his toes are too firmly dug into the earth behind him, waiting for the next picture in the pool.

All right, the reader concedes, you were not a camera—at this stage, the quest for Isherwood's identity between 1929 and 1939 becomes like a radio quiz game—so what were you? A coward, a mischiefmaker, a climber and a fake, comes the enthusiastic reply. comes the enthusiastic reply. There is no character-defect or piece of double-dealing to which, once suggested, he will not lay eager claim. Most insistently of all, he was a "dishonest" writer, for suppressing his homosexuality in the stories about Berlin.

Here at least the reader may feel he knows better. Certainly, two of the early English books —All the Conspirators (1928) and Lions and Shadows (1938) would make much better sense if the protagonist's sexual identity had been acknowledged, narrator's feelings for the boy but its relevance to the indestructibility of Mr Norris can see that "Waldemar" is Changes Trains (1935) and the closest fictional portrait

Goodbye to Berlin (1939) is absolutely nil. Indeed the greatest pre-war love. self-effacement and opacity of the marrator's person-ality are a vital part of their character. "William Bradshaw" and Herr Issyvoo offer not so

of Christopher and his Kind are therefore those in which, like a repensant revisionist before a creative writing class, Isherwood identifies his earlier "evasions" of the truth. It couldn't matter less: both fiction and fact survive; both have a reality, neither enjoys moral superiority, any enjoys moral superiority, any more than Forster's homosexual novel Manice, though "inferior as an artwork "to Howards End and the rest, is their superior as Isberwood claims, because of "its purer passion, its franker declaration of its author's faith. It is arguable, in any case, that the passion and the faith are declared more purely, if with cautious brevity in The with cautious brevity in The Longest Tourney.

"The book I am now going "The book I am now going to write", he says, contrasting Christopher with his account of the Twenties, Lions and Shadows, "will be as frank and factual as I can make it." How frank and factual is that? The most culpable evasions of his own homosexuality (if culpable they be), occur in two of his middle-period novels: The World in the Evening (1952) where they wreck the book beyond repair (it is his only complete failure) and in Down There on a Visit (1962) where his elaborate coyness over the

Isherwood attempted of his Indeed Down There on a Visit—overpraised when it first

came out (critics were always expecting Isherwood to write The Great Homosexual Novel) and Herr Issyvoo offer not so much a camera or a mirror as a glass globe whose translucency both contains, and allows us to gerteive, immortals like Arthur Ngrris, Sally Bowles and Fraulein Schroeder with perfect as minulcity and brilliance. The spell cast by the device of christoph's delicate detachability dazzles and holds to this the least successful sections of Christopher and his Kind as expitease on chosen ground. Strip he does—with energy, elegance and wit—but of Christopher and his Kind are

he teases, too.

I have concentrated on aspects of the book which I think matter most to Isherwood and which led him to write it after so long. Because they are fudged I think they will be for-gontan in time and Christopher take its place as the memoir of one man's personal Thrries, for as a whole it is very lively

Unlike Christopher, who felt indecent until he was darkly sumburned, Wystan had no use for the beach and the sea. His white-skinned body, when exposed, became painfully pink. He preferred rainy weather. During much of the day, he shut himself up in his bedroom with the blinds pulled down, ignored the summer and wrote. I suppose he was working on The Orators.

For the comic and tempera-mental vicissitudes of Isherwood's friendship with Spender alone the book is worth reading —mutual mischief and provo-cation fairly fizzing away—and save when the novelist turns critic of his own work, there is never a dull moment from beginning to end. As a mem-orist of others—Gerald Hamil-ton, Berthold Vierrel, John and Beatrix Lehmann, Forster and many more—isherwood is any more—Isherwood is affectionate if dry and his prose, always clearer than his thinking, remains a joy.

Michael Ratcliffe



Woofy and his trainer, from The Instant it Happened, a marvellous collection of news photographs assembled by Associated Press from their files—some ghastly, some moving, but all memorable (Abrams/New English Library, £13.50).

Men for times of secular despair

A Third Testament By Malcolm Muggeridge (Collins/BBC, £4.95)

In introducing six scripts which comprised a series of Television programmes given first in Canada and later here on BBC2, Malcolm Muggeridge makes an interesting admis-sion. He had chosen six characters for presentation in the series: Augustine of Hippo, Blaise Pascal, William Blake, Søren Kierkegaard, Leo Tolstoy, and Dietrich Bon-hoeffer. Only afterwards when the television series had been completed, did he understand fully the continuing theme to which these characters all belonged.

Considering them as a group, to became clear to me that, although they were all quintessentially men of their time, they had a special role in common, which was none other than to relate their time to

eternity. They were all in fact bearers of the covenant which bridges the gulf between "the changes and chances of this fleeting world" and the substantial, abiding reality which lies behind, beyond and within the flux of things. Precisely because they were so much men of their time, living in an age when the secular world was going through a crisis of

remain, The unity of this exciting book certainly lies there, in the strange role of the characters, individually a mot-ley collection, yet all shaping a distinctive line of thought which influenced the religious life of succeeding generations. Perhaps the odd man out is

Dieurich Bonhoeffer; at least, it is too early yet to assert that he is a determining force in the way the Christian religion is developing. But it is cer-tainly true that each of the others bequeathed an ars spiritualis to those who were to live through times of social disruption and secular despair. Malcolm Muggeridge often incurs the criticism of being an anti-intellectual, of seeming to dismiss academic learning

liant studies he makes his attitude much easier to understand. In fact, it is really that of Paul, when he talks of God making foolish the wisdom of this world. All the six characters in this selection have in common a profound distrust of intellect per se. "The heart has its reasons which are unknown to reason." Pascal's saying is the motif of Augustine's thought no less than Kierke-gaard's or Blake's or Tolstoy's. None of them could be despise ed intellectually. On the conrery, their intellectual force made them preeminent among their contemporaries. But in the order of intellect, imagina-tion and will, for them imagination was paramount, since upon it depend man's vision of eremal reality, and therefore the quality of his life upon

intelligence, wit, and a passionate intensity. A spiritually restless, disturbing book throughout and, for that reason, a book for our times.

On the make

Blind Ambition The White House Years By John Dean

(Simon & Schuster/WHS Distributors, £4.95) John Dean's ambition was not the that was not already known, blind, but always cool and calbut much of it is compulsive culating. He knew what he was doing from she very beginning authority, from requesting tax when he performed the first authority, from requesting tax when he performed the first authority from requesting tax when he performed the first authority from requesting tax of assumed enemies to using Secret Service agents to drive him to cover-up meetings, was an everyday event. excuse. He was after all a lawyer, but he willingly participated in the Watergate con-spiracy until it became a ques-tion of Nixon's neck or his, and as the world knows he saved his own.

It is not a pretty story, and some Americans have read into it an indictment against the it an indictment against the American rat race, which is perhaps excusable. Dean, with his down-east good looks and discreetly casual clothes, and his wife's wide-eyed Californian innocence which not even a San Francisco earthquake could disturb, personifies much that is both admirable and suspect.

Dean's story is not, however, an indictment against the American system. Ambirious men everywhere, on both sides of the iron curtain and the equator, have too often decided that the end justifies the means when their own advancement is at stake. There might be a moral in this book, but it is a universal one.

The book succeeds because it takes the reader into Nixon's White House. Woodward and Bernstein's reportage and reconstructions were brilliant, but Dean saw it all from the inside and when it was happen-ing. He was covering up what the young reporters were try-ing to reveal. He was also

and its corrosive corruption, than any other Watergate author, and his testimony author, before the Ervin committee proved that he had a photo-

graphic memory.

Blind Ambition contains lit-

ings, was an everyday event. One wonders what Lord Acton would have made of it. The portrait of Nixon fascinating if only because it confirms the impressions of outsiders. I could never persuade myself that Nixon was real. Even sitting a few feet from him I stunged that he was pur together by mirrors. Dean's Nixon is a similarly shadowy figure, inarticular and defensive, whose proudest memory was of how he destroyed Alger Hiss.

For all the universality of ambition and corruption, the book does raise questions about the White House system. The founding fathers knew that the flesh was weak, and separated powers and devised checks and balances to contain it, but there are no such safe-guards in the White House except the rectitude of its occupants.

Dean reminds us of the wis does not assume that man is good, but President Carter believes that he is. Fortunately, he also believes in open government which could check ambition and minimize its corruption. It is tronic that Dean now dabbles in journalism, and with his experience should be as good a poacher as he was a gamekeeper.

Louis Heren

William Caxton By George D. Painter (Chatto & Windus, £8)

As we saw in a multitude of commemorations last year, the demands made by Caxton on his biographers are formidable. His career as Merchant Adventurer and diplomat call for the investigation of complicated, and often incomplete, records of late medieval trade and politics; his work as writer and marathon translator words in 20 years) require forage into still only partially Mr Painter's decision to write explored areas of language studies; and his activities as publishing entrepreneur demand knowledge of the now very sophisticated science of fifteenth century bibliography. to the mercer and the Governor of the English Nation at

comprehensive study of Cax-ton's life and work for many years". For although Professor Norman Blake has, in his recent books Caxton and his World (Deutsch) and Caxton: England's first publisher (Osprey), provided a good modern summary of why we

Indeed, because

Painter's familiarity with the problems surrounding the documentation of the period he can afford to be far less tentative in determining Caxton's motives and methods than previous biographers. His discussion of "the momentous and mysterious" period when Caxton translated the Recuyell of the Histories of Troy and then learned to print at Cologne, and his long and thorough delineation of thorough delineation of Caxton's publishing in England are illuminating pieces of reconstruction which show better then anything so far how Caxton applied the skills of the merchant to those of his new trade of printing.

Furthermore, Mr Painter is so far intimate with his material that he allows himself a could come as a salutary shock

thesis from so much difficult he does not allow his man to buoyancy that is very welcome and elusive evidence George disappear behind a host of in this present "time of the catalogue numbers or the Merpublisher's claim that his cers' Acts of Court.

"vivid biography is the first comprehensive grade of the grad medievalists would confess to laughing whenever they met up with a touch of printerly chauvinism "fit to drive Caxton's wife Maud to burn

so long ago, also relished the printed book.

Brian Alderson

Relishing the printed book

(perhaps a couple of million No help from any of these diverse sources can be neglected, for they all direct attention to a life lived all of a piece, where the master-printer stands in a natural relationship

may, or may not, value Caxton's contribution to our affairs, he does not bring us into living touch with the man One reason for this lies in a continuous and penetrating biography of his subject, rather than to adopt the disen-

gaged, analytical approach of Professor Blake; another rea-son lies in Mr Painter's masterly handling of evidence. Having, as it were, lived with Caxton for 20 years as curator housed at the British Museum, Mr Painter moves easily to our more austere scholars, through a jumble of sources—but is somehow in order for primary and secondary, manu- the book he is writing. His

script, printed, and no doubt recognition of Caxton's own just opened at Hatfield House and photocopied too-but while he love of a joke encourages him which runs would October 7. buttresses his text throughout to a succession of pleasantries (Closed Good Friday and all Mon-In making just such a syn- with closely detailed argument which give his biography a days except Bank Holidays.)

her wimple?") Equally though, his book is a moving and deeply respectful tribute to the magnificent achievement of the early printers. In his praise of

Gutenberg, say, or in his reference to "the supernatural ence to "the supernatural power of great literature in a first printing" he reveals how far historical and bibliographical labour can serve the humanist ideal. Here is no research for research's sake, but research which confirms and extends the justness of our affection for a man who.

year's Caxton celebrations can be found at the exhibition of "Goodly Pryntyng" which has

Paperbacks on Saturday will include Ned Chaillet on the novels of Saul Bellow; Brian Alderson on Richmal Crompton's Just William stories; John Naughton on Laurens Van Der Post; Jacky Gillott on Working Women; Laurie Taylor on Aldons Huxley; Trevor Fishlock on How Green Was My Valley and after.

as Mr Painter does.

which runs until October 7.

and scientific knowledge with scant respect. In these six bril

earth. A man may be known by the disintegration, they served as company he keeps. It is clear God's "stay-behind agents" to from this book that Malcolm of the old order the revelation an uncomfortable company, of the eternal covenant would none of whom is likely to encourage an easy conformity with this world. Characteristically, the writing is done with

Unopened rooms

By Derek Jewell (Elm Tree, £5.50)

Music is My Mistress By Duke Ellington (Quartet, £3.95) Duke Ellington was one of the

great masters of twentieth century music. In any other century, it would have been impossible. His status as a great composer, which would remain unchanged if not a written note of his music existed, depended enormously on having his own orchestra to give his music a unique interpretation and on having the gramophone at hand to pre-serve what they played. A challenge to anyone daring to explain his greatness, made worse by Ellington's refusal to talk about his music: if you pick the petals off a flower, used to say, you may find out what makes the flower tick but you don't have a flower left So Derek Jewell has made a

wise decision not to attempt the grand definition, but instead deliver an informal biography, with the music, the players, the family, the women (the per-sonnel of Duke's love life is almost as complex as that of his orchestra) drifting in and out of focus through the good times and the bad. Until now we have had to make do with unbelpful generalizations about Duke's life and work: he burst into Europe at the London Palladium in 1933, the orchestra was the instrument he played he couldn't write for a musician till he knew how that Joseph McCulloch | musician un no anon man played poker, etc.

It was like being confined to the public rooms of a great house; Jewell's book opens up a lot of backstair areas and a few secret rooms, with guided commentary from many of the people who knew him at close quarters. Learning about the backroom quarrels, the troubles with money and drunken musi-cians, the insane travelling con-ditions under which he wrote many compositions, makes his music more impressive, not less, even if it is sometimes hard to agree with Jewell's musical judgments—he acclaims, for instance, an Albert Hall concert with the LPO which I found mostly embarrassing, and I can-not share his admiration for the larger and more sacred works.

But there are still unopened rooms. Ellington was a very private person in a very bright spotlight, and even wrote a vast book, Music is My Mistress, in which he gave nothing away. Occasionally you can intercut usefully with Jewell. Jewell informs us that the Palladium appearance in 1933 saw Duke way down the bill under Max Miller: Duke seveals that he Miller; Duke reveals that he found it almost impossible to understand what Max Miller was saying. But to the end Duke kept himself secret. He was a poseur with the elegance of a Bean Brommell and the hand carved public façade of a Quentin Crisp; he was also a genius who let his music do his talking for him and thank goodness for the timely invention of the gramophone. (Not, incidentally, by Thomas Edison as Jewell thinks on page 21, but exactly a hundred years ago by Charles Cros.) Buy Duke, certainly, but have the music playing when you read it.

Miles Kington

Fiction

Flight Without End By Joseph Roth Translated by David Le Vay with

(Peter Owen; £4.25). The last page of Flight Without End finds its hero— thirty-two years of age, healthy and vigorous, a strong young man of diverse raients —adrift in Paris " without any idea what to do. He had no occupation, no desire, no ambirion and not even any self-love. No one in the world was as superfluous as he"; and Joseph Roth's short, schematic novel-first published in German in 1927, and only now available in and only now available in English — revolves around the

whatever society he happens to be living in. Franz Tonda, an Austro-Hungarian prisoner of war, is dragooned into the Red Army, dragooned into the Red Army, two adolescent schoolboys—one and flings himself into the fray jewish, the other a scion of one with messianic ardour; yet once of Germany's most revered

familiar figure of the man who inevitably finds himself dissatis-fied with and estranged from

living went away and settled again in their offices, wrote records and statistics, enrolment forms for new memenrolment forms for new members and edicts against the excommunicated. Disillusioned with the Revolution, he decides to return to unreformed Europe, which "lay behind glass, as old and precious tapestries lie in a museum, hovering on the brink of disintegration".

Tunda's subsequent adven-

Tunda's subsequent adven-tures in Vienna, the Rhineland, Berlin and Paris make him realize that he is doomed to perpetual disappointment. He is only too aware of the injustices of the established order (and Roth conjures up the stuffy yet ruthless world of the haute bourgeoisie wonderfully well): he finds the hedonism of the bright young things and the hypocrisy of well-heeled revolutionaries as distasteful as the bureau-cratic, informer-ridden society he had left behind in Russia.

Reunion, by Fred Uhlman (Collins/Harvill, £2.50). Set in Germany in the early 1930s, Fred Uhlman's elegiac novella describes the intense, inevitably doomed friendship of

the excitement dies down, "the families. It's a melancholy, carefully written tale—originally published in 1971 by Miron Grindea's Adam—and the lush Swabian countryside is long-ingly evoked: but there's something a shade too mannered and too predictable about it—apart, that is, from the very effective final twist of the plot.

> The Demon, by Hubert Selby. (Marion Boyars, £4.95). Equally predictable is Hubert Selby's account of a New York whizz kid's losing battle against desire and those vague and the selby against and selby against and selby against and selby against and selby against aga undefined feelings of fear, anxiety and impending doom.". Harry White cannot keep his hands off the ladies and devotes most of his lunch hours to hot pursuit, jeopardising his career in the process. Marriage puts him right for a time, but before long his self-destructive urges are hard at work again.
> Adultery leads to robbery and
> —inevitably—murder, culminating in St Patrick's Cathedral on ing in St Paritics Camerial in Easter Sunday: like his fin de siècle predecessors, Mr Selby has a theological bent (Harry represents "a battleground for the hounds of heaven and the bounds of hell"), and the meloderne is cluster in danger of drama is always in danger of toppling into absurdity. But the story unfolds at a nifty pace, the dialogue is brutally vivid, and Mr Selby has a keen eye for the scabrous detail.

Scawsby, by John Drabble (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.50). Set in a small town on the North-east coast, Scawsby North-east weaves together a young solici-tor's involvement with a halfcaste teenager who has made a local girl pregnant with his almost obsessive search for his own and his wife's real parents. Mr Drahble's austere, oldfashioned narrative style is very attractive, but too often the plot itself seems both overcomplicated and implausible.

Nobody's Fault, by Mervyn Jones (Quartet, £4.25). Brian is a blocked poet, Keith a cheerful extrovert pop impresario: Tamsin has been married to both, and can leave neither of them." like historians, they confronted her with alternative versions of her life" from Cambridge to early middle age. An admirably well-constructed novel, in which very different kinds of London life are mericulously observed

> Jeremy Lewis Keating last Thursday, was Death of an Informer.

Science fiction

Th Martian Inca By Ian Watson

(Gollancz, £3.95)

While admiration for the intellectual pyrotechnics in the writer's earlier work has been abounding, this new book conrains a new, near-poetic dimension which makes it the most formidable fiction he has yet written, and also one of the most compulsive. Even though he is still apt to swerve into discussion, albeit engrossing, of semantics, it is written with a than your betrayer friend thought it was, at the end. It's all there is—including all the contradictions?. The feeling is that Mr Watson revels as much in the contradictions as in the straightforward statements. The story is still organised in his own singular manner;

parallel strands of narrative be-come sequential and then join in a knot of revelation. Here, an unmanned spacecraft crashes on a remote Bolivian village spilling dust from Mars upon Indians who undergo a Messianic brainstorm. There, another manned spacecraft is about to land on Mars and its three-man crew should be warned of the danger; the dust, in effect, activates a kind of godhead imprisoned within human genes. Mr Watson is one of the few around who is not afraid to use the new sciences of communication as well as the old ones of technology. I read it once for review, twice for pléasuré.

Tomorrow Inc., edited by Martin Harry Greenberg and Joseph D. Olander (Robson Books, These short stories £3.75). These short stories about big business in the future give no comfort at all to today's capitalists. For Big Business read Big Brother in a time when all is subservient to the conglomerate and the consumer Bester (whom God preserve is himself spiritually consumed. among the exalted). Here again is Pohl's terrifying parable about the response-

manipulated customer, "The Tunnel Under The World" which is nearly equalled by Ann Warren Griffith's "Captive Audience ».

Shadrach in the Furnace, by Robert Silverberg (Gollancz, £3.80). With a name like Genghis Mao nobody can be wholly good and you'd be quite right about this one who, as ruler of what is left of mankind after The Virus War, is intent on surviving as a thinking entity in the brain patterns of his personal physician. Mr Silverberg is still tinkering with ideas begun in To Live Again. The Shape Changer, by Keith Laumer (Hale, £3.25). The return of one of the most engaging of the author's heroes. Lafayerte O'Leary, suddenly fervent passion for the unique finding himself in a multitude way each thing is, the separate of continua (ums?). The pellness of all. As one character, mell speed of the writing and puts it, "A Universe is stranger, the way it rushes you along with it can make you forgive some strange inconsistencies. The Bicentennial Man and Other Stories, by Isaac Asimov (Gollancz, £3.50). Of course, we expect marvels from Dr Asimov who is, himself, a marvel but this collection is really a treat with two of the best stories about robots that even he has written—the title story and That Thou Art Mindful of Him". The first proposes the idea of a robot sacrificing his immortality to become human, while the second lays down the Three Laws of Humanics.

Travelling Towards Epsilon, edited by Maxim Jakubowski (New English Library, £4.95). Although Jules Verne was French we tend to think of that country as being sparse on the ground where SF is concerned. Not so, as this fascinating, if uneven, compilation of French writings show. The introduction puts France into the per-spective of the world science fiction scene and is invaluable. Nova 4, edited by Harry Harrison (Hale, £3.50). The avantgarde mixture as before-and, therefore, to be swallowed with a gulp of delight—and including a superior piece by Barry. Malzberg and an illuminating item of autobiography by Alfred

Tom Hutchinson

The title of W. J. Weatherby's book, reviewed by H. R. F.

Alma mater

My Oxford Edited and Introduced by Ann Thwaite

My Cambridge Edited and Introduced by Ronald Hayman (Robson Books, each £4.75) It is always agreeable to record an Oxford victory and

e en an impartial reader would be forced to conclude that in the contest between these two hooks (Oxford surprisingly appearing between dark green covers, Cambridge in an unbe-comingly muddy maroon) the Oxford 12 wins by at least six

clear chapters.

clear chapters.

Cambridge, indeed, are virtually scuttled by two of their authors. Simon Gray, who, devoing almost balf his chapter to Westminster, Nova Scotia and Clermont-Ferrand, writes that he has an abiding impression "that something was continuously, undiagnoswas continuously, undiagnos-ably unpleasant all the time I was there—apart that is, from myself". And Piers Paul Read, who recalls that "when I finally left Cambridge I was glad to go" adding that "its preten-sions amount to fraud—a confidence trick played on the nation and the world". Even their editor, in a markedly pedestrian introduction, tells us "the dons were not very friendly. I was interested to find that so many of the contributors to this book had similar negative feelings about them." I, for my part, was in-terested to find that so many of the contributors went on to become dons themselves-eight out of 12 in fact. Perhaps Mr Havman could explain. It

seems odd. In form the two books are identical: an editor's introduction followed by a dozen essays arranged in chronological arranged in chronological order and contributed by writers culled, as far as I can see, at random. Cambridge open with Sir Nevill Mott, who is comprehensively outwritten by Lord Boothby for Oxford, and end with Arianna Stassino-poulos, who is matched against Oxford's Martin Amis. Four of the Combridge team were at Trinity, three at St John's and not one from King's. Only three of the Oxford contribu-

were undergraduates at New College or Christ Church though J. I. M. Stewart became a don there and John Mortimer was evacuated to the House after his own college, BNC, was taken over by the War Office.

What endears me most to

the Oxford book (apart from the fact that it is about Oxford) is its affectionate and generous tone, and in terms of entertainment it is in the variety of anecdote that Oxford establishes such clear superiority. I particularly relished Raymond Massey's description of the best row of his life, at Henley in the dusk, timed by a solitary Rudyard Kipling; Nina Bawden's tea with Richard Burton and argument with Margaret Thatcher; Antonia Fraser's proposition-ing notes ("Dear Miss Paken-ham, I could not help noticing in the Bodleian Library yesterday that we share a taste for German mediaeval bishoprics. This encourages me to suppose that we may have other tastes in common.").

My own Oxford (that of 1962-65—the Tariq Ali years!) is missing from these pages, belonging in the gap between Alan Coren and Martin Amis. Of the two I find Amis's more recognizable though I never shared his petrifying self-discipline, nor his taste for Vesta food. Alas, he does fall into the easy trap of suggest-ing that "Oxford is no longer somewhere with a special focus and a special identity: it is just somewhere that gets passed through by individuals". As the best of these essays demonstrate, time and nostalgia will provide precisely that focus and that identity, Only after a few years can you be absolutely certain which names are worth dropping and which episodes worth repeating. And even then they

improve with age. Meanwhile, this is only the beginning. Next stop, we are promised, is My LSE, then My Drama School and My Medical School. It is a marvellously painless form of publishing. I look forward to My Wormwood Scrubs.

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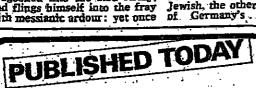
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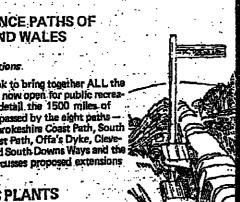


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Supplementary benefit guidelines adopted

Before Sir George Baker, President, and Mr Justice Arnold [Judgment delivered March 29] When the court is making a when the court is making a maintenance order against a husband and is considering his ability to pay, it should have regard to the guidelines issued to the officers of the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The Divisional Court the Supplementary Benefits Commission. The Divisional Court the Samilar Division used those of the Family Division used those guidelines when dismissing a wife's appeal from the variation of a maintenance order by Aylesbury

Mr Gareth Davies for the wife; Miss Patricla Myatt for the hus-

The PRESIDENT said that Lord Reid had said in a lecture in 1971 that judges " must find the middle way which prevents precedent from being our master. should have regard to common sense, legal principle and public policy in that order." In the present case his Lordship was going to put common sense first. in June, 1976, Aylesbury jus-tices heard the husband's com-plaint to vary a maintenance order, made six months earlier order, made six months earlier by the Bolton district registrar, that he should pay 53 a week for the wife, 55 a week for her daughter and 50p a week for two other children of the family. One of those children was now 16 so the order was 58,30. The ground the husband put forward was change of circumstances and that he was unable to afford the order. The justices reduced the order, which had been registered in the magistrates' court, to 52,50 and made an attachment of earnings order. The wife, who was the hus-

against the variation of the grounds, inter alia, that the jus-tices had erred in law in con-sidering the financial circum-stances de novo instead of pro-ceeding on the basis that the registrar's order was correctly made and examining the changed circumstances of the parties, and also in that they had paid too much regard to the husband's claim that the order was unrealistic and putting a strain upon his present marriage. present marriage. The registrar knew that the husband already had to pay an order for £3.50 in favour of his

order for £3.50 in favour of his second wife. It seemed that his first wife had passed from the scene. The justices had accepted that the husband, a postman earning £40.34 net a week, had reduced his expenses to a minimum and that his living expenses had risen by £5 or £6 through rises in the cept of Higher On the other risen by E5 or 26 through rises in the cost of living. On the other hand his wages had increased by 26 a week so that there was only a difference of pence in his circumstances before the registrar and before the justices. The wife was living on social security benefit, and the husband's order was made over to the Supplementary. made over to the Supplementary Benefits Commission.

There was a line of authorities from Foster v Foster ([1964] 1 WLR 1155) to McEwan v McEwan ([1972] 1 WLR 1217) that it was not open to the court on a vari-ation of a maintenance order to fix the amount de novo. Mr Justice Ormrod in Brister v Brister ([1970] 1 WLR 664, 669) had said " that where the court is asked to review an order made upon what subsequently turns out to be a mistaken basis, I do not think it is accurate to say that it is purporting to act as an appellate tribunal; it is exercising its The wife, who was the hus-and's third wife, now appealed

The gresent husband had not been able to show that when the original order was made a particular to the control of the control lar item was misunderstood or given undue weight by the regis-trar, but there was a mistake in that the registrar decided that he was able to pay £9 a week. His Lordship thought that the hus-band could not pay anything like

that amount.

The wife was in receipt of social security benefit. If the Supplementary Benefits Commission were seeking a contribution from the husband they would apply the formula for settlement with the liable relative as set out in para 4.188-190 of the Finer Report of the Committee on One Parent Families,

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that amount.

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According to the Commission's guidelines to help their officers, the requirements of the liable relative were normally taken to be the supplementary benefit scale rates for himself and family—rent allowance plus one quarter of his net earnings. Any income in excess of that would be regarded as being available to meet the liable relative's obligation under the Supplementary Benefits Acts, 1966-1973.

Applying those guidelines the

Applying those guidelines the Commission would not seek to recover anything from the husband as he would have been allowed to keep £43.64 a week before being asked to contribute to his wife's maintenance. He was only earning £40.34 net.

It had been submitted that to It had been submitted that to do justice the court should give leave to appeal the registrar's order out of time, but that way was clumsy, time-consuming and expensive. In his Lordship's

opinion there was a mistake when the original order was made by the registrar and the husband's clusion that the husband's resources were insufficient to meet the order, yet they had made an attachment of earnings order for \$2.50. They were not prohibited from making such an order even if it brought the husband below the scale rates of the Commission: Billington v Billington (1974 Fam 24). The court, however, would take the common sense approach and dismiss the appeal.

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Burden of long trials

Regina v Reed Regina v Reed

Long trials were condemned as an unwarranted and intoferable burden on the administration of justice in the Court of Appeal when they quashed as unsafe and unsatisfactory the conviction of a man who had been tried with five others at the Central Criminal Court in a trial which lasted 75 days, from September 29, 1975, to February 4, 1976. He was convicted on only one of the 23 counts in the indicment, of which 10 counts related to him. He had already served his sentence of two years' imprisonment when his appeal was heard. years' imprisonment when his appeal was heard.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the case had involved systematic defrauding of finance houses in a variety of ways. It was difficult to see why it could not have been made in a short indictment of seven or eight counts; if it had been presented to the court

In that way it would have been over in two or three weeks.

There had been over 90 dishonest transactions and the Crown had brought evidence of all of them; there were over 100 witnesses and a bill of costs of about 191,000, without the overhead expenses of the court or the cost of the jury. During the trial three jurors were released for personal reasons.

Jurors should not be expected to give their time for as long as four mouths unless there were exceptional reasons. Long trials also put a heavy burden on judges; in summing-up the judge was reduced to giving thumbnail sketches of the wimesses because the jury could not remember their names. That was most undesirable. Moreover those on the fringe might get sucked down with the weight of evidence against their co-accused, which was what had happened in the present case.

Before Mr Justice Oliver

[Judgment delivered March 28]

Quantification of damages for unbuilt wall [Judgment delivered March 28]

The correct measure of damages due to the plaintiff for breach of couract by the defendant who had covenanted to build a brick wall on a plot of land bought from the plaintiff so as to divide it off from the remainder of the plaintiff's land was the cost to the plaintiff of carrying out the work on his own land.

His Lordship so held in a reserved judgment, on a procedure summons adjourned into court to obtain a decision as to the proper measure of damages

ing wall after a indigment which had been entered for the plaintiff on the admissions of the defence.

Mr J. B. W. McDonnell for the plaintiff, Brigadier Walter Buckley Radford; Mr W. R. Stewart-Smith for the defendant, Mrs. F. E. D. D. De Froberville; Mr S. J. Sher for the third party, Miss K. Lange.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiff owned a substantial house in Holland Park, London, divided into six flats which were let to tenants holding leases varying between four and six years. A large garden contained an area of about 23ft by 140ft fronting on to the highway. In 1965 the plaintiff obtained planning permission to build a house on that plot and sold it to the defendant for £6,500 on terms that she was going to build the proposed house on it. In the transfer in 1965, the defendant covenanted, inter alia, to erect forthwith a wall between the two properties, thereafter maintaining it in good repair. Largely owing to the defendant requiring a building of different design, no work had started. The wall was to be erected on the defendant's land and would thus be her wall.

By two supplementary agreements in 1968, the defendant covenanted without qualification to complete the development by January 1970. The restriction on sale which had existed and the right of pre-emption in the transfer were abrogated. Yet the defendant of pre-emption in November, 1968, she notified the plaintiff that she had contracted to sell the plot. There was a transfer to Miss Kathryn Lange in January, 1969, at a very considerable advance in price. Miss Lange was registered as proprietor on February 6, and covenanted with the

for the non-erection of the divid-ing well after a judgment which to observe and perform the coven-had been entered for the plain-tiff on the admissions of the date and in the supplementary

The plot was in the hands of a third party having no direct contractual obligations to the plaintiff. The defendant had disabled herself from doing what she had

hir. The derendant had disabled herself from doing what she had covenanted to do as part of her consideration for the purchase and for release of the plaintiff's right to preemption.

In 1973 the plaintiff issued a writ against the defendant and in February, 1975, judgment was entered for his claim for damages for the non-erection of the dividing wall on the admissions in the defendant and Miss Lange as to the latter's liability to indemnify the defendant was decided in the defendant's favour in November, 1975, and Miss Lange was given leave to appear on the plaintiff's summons for the assessment of damages against the defendant. On the hearing before the master the issue now before his Lordship had emerged: what was the correct measure of damages for the breach of a covenant to build wholly on the covenator's land?

Mr McDonnell had submitted that it was the cost to which the plaintiff would be put in providing

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for himself, on his own land, that which as part of the consideration for the transfer of the adjoining land the defendant had undertaken to provide on that land.

Mr Sher, for Miss Lange, the person ultimately affected by an award, submitted that if a contract between A and B for the erection by B of a building on his own land was not performed, A had merely lost the advantage of having a building on the adjoining land.

The wall, if erected, would not have added to the value of the plaintiff's land except in so far as it provided an amenty and served to mark the boundary. Therefore the measure of damages

Therefore the measure of damage: should be the amount by which the value of the plaintiff's land as an investment property was diminished by the absence of that menty. His Lordship said that the stark

wall according to specifications at the date of contract was about \$1,200; today it was almost \$3,400. A prefabricated fence would have about £320 in 1970; today

about £880.

If Mr Sher was right, what the plaintiff was left with now, after eight years of patient endeavour and four years of exasperated ligigation, was no wall at all, no right to demand one, no control over what was erected along his over what was erected along his boundary, the expense of putting up a wall or fence if he wanted one, and nominal damages only. If that was right it produced a result "so strange and so monstrously unjust that Mr Bumble's animadversion on the nature of the law seems, by contrast, a model of restrained understatement. The purpose of the law is to remerit

tices".

Mr Sher and Mr Stewart-Smith had submitted that the court had to adopt that conclusion by principles of the conclusion by principles. to adopt that conclusion by principle and by precedence. As to principle, the starting point was the statement by Baron Parke on the common law rule on damages in Robinson v Harman ((1848) 1 Exch 850): "Where a party sustains a loss by reason of a breach of contract, he is, so far as money can do it, to be placed in the same situation, with respect to damages, as if the contract had been performed." If the plaintiff had reserved a right of entry onto the defendant's land and liberty to construct the wall himself, with a covenant from the defendant to reimburse him the cost doubtless he could have recovered the cost; but he trusted the defendant to do the work herself and extracted a covenant from her to do it. The supply of the wall was part of the consideration of the transfer, and the plaintiff had paid for the wall in advance because the land was transferred before the work was done. That price could not be specifically performed because the land had been sold to a stranger to the contract. Why should the plaintiff not now be compensated by being awarded the sum required to carry out for himself what the defendant had falled to do?

Reference to the authorities demonstrated the absence of any general rule beyond the underlying compensatory principle stated by Baron Parke. What the court did was to use common sense in measuring, in the case of the individual plaintiff and by

reference to his particular circumstances, what the plaintiff had lost by the breach of couract. Counsel had submitted that the only appropriate measure was the plaintiff should be put into as good a financial position as if the contract had been performed. The

good a mancial position as if the contract had been performed. That was the effect of the decision in Wigsell v School for Indigent Blind ((1882) 8 OBD 357), where the Divisional Court heard a motion to set aside the verticit of a jury for damages for not building a walk. Mr Sher and Mr Spewart-Smith submitted that the present case was indistinguishable sing a walk. Mr Sher and Mr Snewart-Smith submitted that the present case was indistinguishable on its facts. However, Mr McDomnell said that there were at least two material distinguishing points; in the present case there was no question of electing for specific performance and in Wigsell the court was persuaded that the plaintiffs had no intention of building the wall themselves.

It seemed to his Lordship that the Wigsell judgment fell to be considered in the light of the 5th mission that the cost of the wall was not an absolute test but merely an element for the jury to consider and the fact that no one thought a wall would be built. But the rule as stated by the continues or in effect as the rule stated by Baron Parke or Mr Justice Blackburn enunciated it in Lock v Furze ((1866) LR 1 CP 441)—that the person injured by the breach was to be placed as far as money could do it in the same position as he would have been if the courter had been fulfilled. That was not necessarily the same as saying that he would be put in as good a financial position.

What was the true ratio decidendi? It seemed to his Lord-

What was the true ratio decidend? It seemed to his Lordship that the Divisional Court, ship that the Divisional Court, far from seeking to establish an absolute measure in all cases of breach of covenant, had done just the reverse. It had looked to see what the plaintiffs had actually lost and concluded that "in the present case" the only loss which the plaintiffs had suffered was the diminuation in value of their adjoining 20 acres. If the case established such a general principle as contended for by Mr Sher and Mr Stewart-Smith one could have expected to find it regularly cited and relied upon; but until recently it had received little attention. little attention.

Furthermore, as a result of information helpfully given by The Law Reports to counsel, it concept, after the argument had concluded, that the case had been concluded, that the case had been considered at some length by the Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment in Tito v Waddell (No 2) (The Times, December 6, 1976; [1977] 2 WLR 496). The Vice-Chancellur had rejected the suggestions that the consideration whether or not the plaintiff sued for or was able to sue for specific performance was necessarily decisive, and concluded: "In the end the oursition seems to me to come down concluded: "In the end the ours-tion seems to me to come down to a very short point. The cost is a loss if it is known to be a-loss."

loss."

In the instant case there were three questions: (1): Had the plaintiff a real intention of doing the work? (2) Was it reasonable for the plaintiff to carry out the work on his own land? (3): Did it make any difference that the plaintiff was not personally in occupation of the land but desired to do the work for the benefit of his tenants? Mr McDonnell was prepared to protect the position by a suitable form of undertaking, but his Lordship was entirely satisfied that the of undertaking, but his Lordship was entirely satisfied that the plaintiff wanted the work done and would expend the damages awarded on carrying it out. In his judgment therefore the damages ought to be measured by the cost of the work, there was nothing unreasonable in his wishing to adhere to contract specification; and, whatever his status, the plaintiff had a contractual right to have the work done. Jackson in Horizon Holidms (1975) 1

the correct date would be the date upon which the plaintiff ought reasonably to have brought the case on for hearing. That would be a matter to be determined when the evidence was

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Playground nuisance

Before Mr Justice Griffiths Before Mr Justice Griffiths

The noise from a children's playground was held to constitute a misance when it was used from dawn until dusk by children of all ages. Mr Justice Griffiths awarded Mr William Dunton, owner of Whitfield Hotel, Sandwich Road, Dover, £200 damages and continued an injunction against Dover District Council that the playground should only be opened between 10 am and 6.30 pm to children under 12.

Mr Norman Banks for Mr Dunton; Mr Patrick Hamlin for the council.

In 1975 Dover District Council completed a housing estate at the rear of the hotel on grazing land. About 60 children under 12 lived on the estate. The council wanted to provide a play area for the smaller children as the nearest recreation area was a quarter of recreation area was a quarter of a mile away, across a busy road. Unfortunately when the council published plans of the develop-ment, Mr Dunnon did not see them and he did not realize that it was intended to designate as a play-ground an area immediately adthe playground

When the playground was opened it was not fenced, nor was there any restriction on the age of the children using it. When a number of children were collected together they often made a great deal of noise, and from time to time there was a fearful row coming from the playground. Not only did Mr and Mrs Dunton have their tranquility disturbed, they also had the amoyance of children trespassing from the playground. Mrs Dunton found and had to leave the hotel.

children to play, but parents must realize that consideration must be given to the comfort of neighbours who derived no advan-

The council had claimed that the noise from the playground was not a nuisance. His Lordship rejected that argument. He took the view that although everyone had to put up with noise from children, one should not be expected to put up with it from dawn to dusk. When the play area first opened, unrestricted in point of time and age of the children using it, it was a nuisance in law. ance in law.

However, his Lordship was not satisfied that now that its use was restricted it still conseitned a unisance. It still caused grave aggravation, but it was not intolerable. It was a question of balancing the requirements of the votus against the old and this balancing the requirements of the young against the old and his Lordship would amend the injunction to restrict the opening to between 10 am and 6.30 pm and only to children under 12.

The nuisance in 1975 had lasted only for a short time, and Mr Dunton would be awarded \$200 damages.

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Success story of a jobs subsidy, page 21

by banks lift nopes of cheaper nome loans

y John Whitmore inancial Correspondent

Falling interest rates were iken a stage further yesterday ith leading banks cutting their ase lending rates by one

coint to 9! per cent.
The main result of the cut
base rates is that the cost
for borrowing to blue chip borwors will fall to around 10!
er cent, while the cost of overtafts will generally come down
a range of 12! to 14! per
ent.

with the banks also cutting the rate they pay on smaller eposits (below £10,000) by 1½ or cent to 5 per cent, and with he rates available on larger ums offered in the money narkers falling below 91 per ent, the pressure on building ocieties to announce a cut in ates at the April monthly meetng has grown even stronger. The societies' mortgage rate s 121 per cent and their inestment rate is 7.8 per cent net, equivalent to 12 per cent cross to the standard rate tax-

This gross equivalent would fall to 11.6 per cent if Mr Healey is able to implement his proposed cuts in the standard rate of income tax, but even this would leave the societies' retes looking way out of line, Also, a cut in stand-ard rate tax would probably

lead to a cut in the composite tax the societies pay on behalf of investors from the present 272 per cent to around 262 per

Although the Building Societies Association deny that any Whitehall pressure has been brought to bear on them, it did not go unnoticed yesterday that Mr Healey said on television on Tuesday evening that he expected to see a cur in building society rates within the next

few weeks.

The main question remaining for interest rates this week is how the Bank of England dehow the Bank of England decides to handle minimum
lending rate. Treasury bill
rates yesterday were indicating
that under the market related
formula for setting MLR—this
is now temporarily suspended—the Bank could drop the rate
from 10½ to 9½ or 9½ per cent.
The Bank, however, despite
the embarrassingly strong demand for sterling in the foreign
exchange markets, may not
wish to drop MLR by quite so
much this week. What remains
to be seen is whether the Bank
will choose to show its hand
before Friday's weekly bill
tender, either by a "signal"
to the discount market this
afternoon, or even by announcing next week's MLR at
lunchtime today.
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Budget again boosts equities and gilts

Equities and gilts went ahead

strongly on the stock market in London yesterday as investors gave a more considered verdict

inking personal taxation cuts inking personal taxation of incomes restraint is well-comed, though union reaction was widespread as dealers took of the Budget.

The demand for the pound factory-level wage negotiation and to neutralize the effect of further stock of the Budget.

round worry.

But a more immediate incentive is the feeling that the way has now been cleared for still lower interest rates.

The lower public borrowing requirement acted as an additional spur to interest rates hopes in the gilt-edged market. The demand was manuained for the whole session with longer dates progressively gaining ground to end up to £3 ahead with "mediums" adpoints. "Shorts" also met with a strong and sustained buying to end with rises of up to two full points.

Although slightly below its agave a nate customer of the Budget.

The FT 30-share index closed

5.8 ahead at 427.2—within 7

points of its three-and-a-halfrear "high "—and many of the
nonger-dated gilts gained up to

Sterling - surge: The pound

Closed in London at \$1,7207 is

one point.

Sterling surge: The pound closed in London at \$1.7207, its highest level for four mouths. Dealers said that second highest level for four months.

Thoughts on the Budget had The Bank of England was in the market most of the day and tet's generally favourable view is estimated to have taken in up a particular, the concept of to \$100m in foreign currency is estimated to have taken in up to \$100m in foreign currency in its attempt to hold down the

> further stock of the Budget. Official policy is still to keep the rate as steady as possible to preserve Britain's competi tiveness in overseas markets. Sterling has risen more than per cent against the dollar since the autumn low of \$1.57 This should help to slow down

the rate of inflation. The pound's effective rate was unchanged on the day,

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Cigarette price quandary

Budget tax increases were taking place within the big cigarette companies yesterday. They may decide to continue he fierce price compension which has been a feature of the past year and absorb part of the Chancellor's 4p a packet increase, or to subsidize some brands at the expense of others.

At the same time there is considerable pressure to get the revised price lists out quickly because under the new Euro-pean Community tax structure, manufacturers are liable from Monday for the additional tax

Intensive discussions over on all cigarattes invoiced to the mew prices to reflect the trade. They do not have the customary delay between manu-facturing and distribution in which to draw up new trade

prices. Carreras Carreras Rothmans and Gallaher, the two smaller com-panies are likely to wait until Imperial Tobacco, the biggest with more than 60 per cent of all cigarette sales has declared

The final phase of the new tax structure, due to come into effect fully next January, will inevitably mean a reduction in the seven main categories of cigarette on the British market.

Interest rate cuts Sir Eric Miller steps down at Peachey

By Our Financial Staff Sir Eric Miller, knighted in Sir Harold Wilson's controversial resignation honours list last year, has stepped down as chairman and managing director" of Peachey Property Corporation because of "un-welcome publicity" affecting himself, his family and the

Sir Eric will continue as a director of the residential and commercial property investment and development group, and Lord Mais, former Lord Mayor of London and pre-Mayor of London and pre-viously a non-executive director of Peachey, has become group chairman. Mr Stephen Thomp-son, one of the two remaining directors after the deaths last year of Peachey's two other senior board members, will take over management of the group-In his letter of resignation to the board Sir Eric explains that his decision was "greatly in-fluenced by the flood of un-welcome publicity" over the

past two years. It had become increasingly intolerable in the past year and had affected him and his family. He was "concerned in the short and long term " for its effect on the company. Lord Mais said Peachev's

Italy unions

accept IMF

Ioan strings

Three main Italian trade nion federations today

accepted government compro-

mise proposals to curb rising labour costs and removed the last obstacles to a \$530m (about £312m) loan from the Interna-

The agreement also opens the

way to possible further IMF credit and a European

credit and a European Community loan. The IMF loan

had been made conditional or

alterations to the wage indexa-

tion system, a major factor in Italy's continuing inflation, by which pay increases automatic-ally as the cost of living rises.

The compromise included

adjustments to the way trans-

port and electricity costs and newspaper prices will be calcu-lated in the "basket" of essen-tial items on which the cost of

on the cost of living index.

The unions have, however, already agreed to keep current

wage demands to a minimum.
The agreement ou "basket"
adjustments will knock 1.5 per
cent off the index, compared to

the 1.2 per cent increase caused by the higher VAT. The VAT increases were

designed to finance government subsidies to industry's social

insurance contributions, thus helping to reduce the cost of labour. The government has

also undertaken that if any fur-

ther revenue has to be raised

before 1978 it will turn to direct, rather than indirect taxation.

It has also promised to review

creases on wages above 6m lire (about £4,000).

A union spokesman declared

the agreement a success for the

unions and a demonstration of

their ability to defend the working class, free factory-level

negotiation and wage indexa-

. However, a union document

issued after the agreement spoke of "deep dissent" over

the government's prices policy, its plans for youth employment

and the investment in the south.

IMF says no agreement yet:
An International Monetary Fund
spokesman said in Washington

that discussions between the

fund and Italy are continuing

and "have covered the question of a modification of (the Italian) wage index agreements.

"Full agreement has not been reached on this question."

its freeze on automatic

living index is based.

From Patricia Clough

tional Monetary Fund.

Rome, March 30

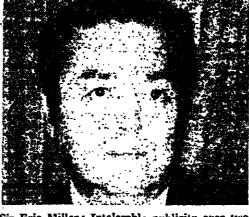
Cape Town, March 30 .- Mr future would be moved forward Owen Horwood, the South yearly, so that transfers could African Finance Minister, presenting the Government's carned during the preceding budget today, said foreign-contact wo years.

Over million days lost

in two months' strikes

through strikes in the first two many categories of industry was

months of this year, according up in January and February to figures published today by from its level a year earlier, the Department of Employment. Even more strikingly, the In January and February alone record in February was far



Sir Eric Miller: Intolerable publicity over two



Lord Mais: first task to strengthen the board.

directors had "reservations and regrees" about Sir Eric's decision. They understood his feeling that adverse personal publicity might affect the group, and that "he felt it best to go".

Lord Mais was "pleased that

Sir Eric wil continue to serve as a director", and commented that "we need his kowledge very much indeed.".
He said he himself would stay as chairman "as long as I am needed". After Sir Eric's

trolled companies must now declare dividends and transfer

profits to foreign countries out

of income earned from January 1, 1975.

balance of payments, he said. In addition a 15 per cem sur-charge was being levied on certain imported goods as a

Previously, the base date for such dividend and profit trans-fers was January 1, 1968. Mr Horwood said this base date in

temporary measure.

Economics Correspondent

Over a million days were lost-

the total number of working days lost was over a third of

the total lost in 1976, when the

impact of the pay code reduced industrial disputes to their

The biggest single factor pushing up days lost was the

long-running dispute at British Leyland, which led to 389,000

days being lost in the motor industry in the first two months

of the year. But even if the Leyland strike is discounted,

By Our Financial Staff Plans for J. Lyons, the food

and catering group, to sell its Tetley tea and coffee opera-

tions in the United States have fallen through Last December Lyons

announced at had reached

agreement in principle to sell Tetley for \$27m (£16m) to

Liggett Group, an American tobacco, wines and per foods

Liggett has now backed out on the deal, however, amid some speculation that it was concerned about the possible

effect of the recent gyrations in the tea and coffee prices.

concern.

US sale of Tetley Tea

falls through for Lyons

lowest level since 1966.

This move was to protect the

Sir Eric and Peacher have rarely been out of the news in recent mouths. As landlord to recent mouths. As landlord to Sir Harold Wilson and having longstanding links with Mr Reginald Maudling and his family, Sir Eric has been prominent in political and City gossio columns gossip columns.

Despite consistent denials from the board, repeated by

two years.
Mr Horwood said foreign-

controlled companies were at

present allowed to declare dividends and transfer profits to foreign countries provided this was done out of income earned after January 1, 1968.

This base date had now been brought forward to January 1.

brought forward to January 1, 1975, effective immediately. The minister said adminis-

trative measures to close loop-

holes on exchange controls over payments for imports, which are sometimes deficient

The number of days lost in

worse than in January. During February 713,000 days were lost

through disputes involving 137,500 workers. That made

February the worst month since

During the first two months of the year 198,500 workers were involved in a total of 445

To what extent the increase

in strike figures reflects a more

general dissatisfaction with the pay policy than is felt just by the Leyland workers is impos-

which were based on Tetley's book asset value, and offered

This was not acceptable to

Lyons. Mr L. Badham, managing

Partly as a result of the strength of the pound and of

THE POUND

Lyons a lower price

probably be beaten-

the summer of 1975.

stoppages.

over other issues.

move and after the death of Lord Mais yesterday. Peachey two senior directors "a first has appeared as a takeover task will be to strengthen the board".

Lord Mais yesterday. Peachey has appeared as a takeover speculation many times in recent years, and its shares have fluctuated sharply as bid or non-bid rumours gained the upper hand in the market.
Only last week Sir Eric had te make a statement quashing rumours that he had been arrested in Holland and that he had sold his 504,000 shares in

the group.

A "bear raid" on the shares

subject to the securities pro-

cedures, he said.
The finance minister also

proposed a temporary special 15 per cent revenue duty, or

surcharge on certain imported

immediately where the imports have not yet been cleared for

revenue amounts to 400m rand

home consumption.

this year .- Reuter.

Forestry

incentives

improved

In brief

The estimated

measure is effective

additional

understood to have been managed by dealers who were also involved in earlier efforts to boost the shares on bid speculation, forced the shares

down 14p to 23p at one point.
Peachey, which is traditionally extremely lare in publishing annual results, yesterday reported pre-tax profits 14 per cent down at £846,000 for the year to June 24, 1976. Pre-tax profits have been reduced by a £282,000 provision made against the full amount of a possible bad debt which the group is taking legal action to

The group has also made provision against possible losses on its two development schemes in France and has decided against capitalizing interest on another project.

These changes in accounting profits by a total of £630,000. Despite the additional provisions, Lord Mais comments that Peachey "has no finanical problems" and that on the basis of a March, 1975 valuation adjusted for purchases and sales since then, net assets per share are in excess of £1.

No final dividend is pro-posed. The shares closed to up at 321p on the results and news of Sir Eric's move.

South Africa curbs profit transfers in Agents' with regard to capital transfers, would shortly be imposed. Legacies, which can be freely transferred abroad up to a maximum amount of 20,000 rand per beneficiary, will now be arms deals

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Mrs Hart, recently re-appointed Minister of Overseas Development, is to lose control of the Crown Agents' sensitive arms and defence equipment business to Mr Mulley, Minister for Defence. The Prime Minister has approved the transfer of responsibility from April 1.

lence equipment from missiles to ships and support services. Three years ago orders were worth only £300m.

Agents have been in the arms business, acting as agents for overseas governments. But with defence sales increasingly involving more than just sales of hardware—customers now want complete weapons systems with supporting training and maintenance under package deals— it is felt that the Ministry of Defence is better suited to handling the tricky problems that can arise.

Exports of arms and defence systems have always involved the Ministry of Defence, but until now the Crown Agents have provided a para-govern-mental agency for fixing deals with British suppliers to meet overseas principals require-ments. The Ministry can be expected to operate as a principal too, especially in the Middle where oil has become a method of paying for British weapons, from ranks to missiles. Millbank Technical Services

ran into some trouble in Iran over the building of a military installation and it is expected that the presently unspecified liabilities will be assumed by the Ministry of Defence as the new Sponsor

cise ministerial control over the Crown Agents subsidiary and activities.

Mulley role

Mr Mulley will assume direct Government responsibility for Millbank Technical Services. which has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of the financially troubled Crown Agents for 10

The company currently has an order book worth about £1,400m, practically all for de-

Ever since 1833, the Crown

The company will remain a Crown Agent subsidiary and Mrs Hart will continue to exer-

£40m slice of Brompton Road up for auction

Capital & Counties Property Company is to sell its £40m Knightsbridge estate in one of the most important property disposals for several years. The estate includes some of the most fashionable shopping property in London in London. CCPC has been fighting to re-

duce borrowings since the pro-perty crisis in late 1973. It cut its gross assets by £269m to £156m last year after the dis-posal of its interests in Australia and Canada and after provisions and sales of proper-ties throughout the world.

The group plans to hold a public auction of the Knights-bridge properties on July 5, Estate agents Jones Lang, Wootton, in conjunction with Matthews and Goodman, and Marler and Marler, will auction the estate in 28 lots if the com-pany has not received an offer

for the whole six acre site ba-fore July. fore July.

Mr Dennis Marler, CCPC's managing director, would "not dissent" from suggestions that the freehold estate would have a market value of around £40m, and confirmed that he will be looking for offers in that range. He said that no attempts had been made to sell the estate before the public announcement of the auction. "I have been determined that when we made

this hard decision . . . to sell our finest single holding . . . we would do it with the maximum publicity ".

JLW was chosen as lead agents because of its international connexions. Mr Marler expects considerable interest to be shown "from the Middle East, the United States and possibly Far Eastern investors."

The estate consists of 90 shops, 92,500 sq ft of office space, 350 flats and apartments,

multistorey car park and four hotels. It includes the whole length of the Brompton Road berween Sloane Street and Harrods, the west side of Sloane Street from Knightsbridge to the Chelsea Hotel and the Scotch House island site, as well as Basil Street running parallel to the Brompton Road. CCPC's links with the estate

date back to its development by Mr Marler's grandfather, Mr Sydney Marler, at the turn of the century.
Mr Sydney Marler sold the

properties in 1908 in what his grandson describes as "a fit of madness", since he then he lieved that real estate was finished. Mr Dennis Marler's the estate back for the group in the 1950s, and it was subject to a series of abortive development plans throughout the past two decades.

In the past 12 years CCPC has been refurbishing the buildings. The present £1.9m rent roll excludes important reversions due to fall in within the next five years.

The Knightsbridge follows news that CCPC is to sell all or part of its interest in the £22m Victoria Centre shopping centre in Nottingham, which Mr Marler describes as the group's "next best invest-ment" after Knightsbridge.

Discussions are under way for the sale of the centre, and Mr Marler believes that the borrowing problems, more than eliminating its short term debt. "We now have the cash flow to take time over these sales." Mr Marler said. Now that CCPC "has clawed its way out of the tunnel" he hopes to take advantage of "a significantly improved market for investment properties". CCPC's shares rose 11p to 16p on news of the auction

John Brennan

National Westminster Bank

Rate changes

National Westminster Bank announces that for balances in its books as from and including Thursday, 31st March, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 101% to 91% per annum and its Deposit Rate on all amounts lodged, subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal, is 5% per amum Savings Accounts will now attract interest at 5% per annum

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How the markets moved

All other rates remain unchanged

the spokesman said.—Reuter.

in the tea and coffee prices. much less pressure to dispose It decided not to proceed on of assets than it did last year. The Times index: 174.44 +2.94 The FT index: 427.2 +6.8

Australia \$

Rises

15p to 420p 15p to 350p 15p to 420p 3p to 77p y 6p to 584p to 13p to 425p 6p to 366p 84p to 73p Grand Met Harrisons Malay 6p
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Gilt-edged securities-saw-a strong

Sterling was 13 points up at \$1.7207. The effective exchange was unchanged at 61.8.

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Needlers Pataling Prop Hidgs Rio Tinto 3p to 16p 12p to 75p 12p to 254p 3p to 220p 4p to 5p 6p to 490p 20p to 425p 5p to 50p 16p to 412p 8p to 472p 20p to 360p 4p to 176p

4p to 890 4p to 68p Gold SDR-S was 1.15974 on Tuesday while SDR-E was 0.674660.
Commodities: Base metal prices recovered. Reuter's Index was at 1732.9 (previous 1752.2).

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forthcoming Finance Bill. In addition a small woodlands planting scheme is to be introduced to further the planting of broadleaves in the lowlands. It will not be necessary in

Improved incentives to en-courage the development of forestry will be included in the

future for woodlands to be subject to a Forestry Commission dedication scheme in order to benefit from the capital transfer tax relief negotiated in 1975. There are also improvements to the range of grants given to encourage tree planting. In some instances they will be more than doubled.

evidence that strikes have besible to assess. As well as discome more common than they dutes about relativities, there were last year, possibly because growing concern about falling living standards is leading to a or another. The additional cost of these measures is estimated to total £350,000 in 1977-78, rising to £1.8m in 1980-81. It will be contained within the existing public expenditure level.



director-elect of Lyons, said last night there was no ques-tion of Tetley missing its profit forecast of \$5.5m, which would Mr Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, who has asked the Monopolics and Mergers Commission to investigate the supply in, and export from the United Kingdom of, electricity supply meters. He other disposals—including its Wimpy catering chain and most of its United Kingdom hotels—Lyons now feels under has asked the commission to report within 18 months. There are four main manufacturers: Ferranti, GEC Measurements, Landis and Gyr, and Sangamo

SE membership poli approves Talisman

The Stock Exchange has almost certainly received clearance from its members to press ahead with the introduc-tion of its fully computerized "Talisman" settlement system by 1979.

Representatives of member firms met yesterday to vote on the £13.2m system and although the result will not be known until today, proxy votes cast show 1,862 in favour, 584 against and 36 open. So, with just over 4,000 members entirled to vote, 46 per cent has already come out in favour,

Accepting Houses post Mr John Baring, chairman of Baring Brothers, has been appointed the new chairman of the Accepting Houses Committee. Mr Baring takes over from Mr Michael Verey, chairman of Schroders, after the commit-

tee's next meeting in May. Business Diary, page 21 Saudi Bank's windfall

In its first year of operations the Saudi International Bank, made a pre-tax profit of 51.78m Most of this was artributable to the translation into sterling of that portion of the capital invested in foreign currencies



and many other problems.

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From Peter Hazelburst

Confronted with threats of retaliation from Brussels, Japan's Foreign Trade Council claimed yesterday that the country's lopsided trade surplus with West Europe declined by a "remarkable" degree last month after Japanese markets were officially advised to open up their gates to imports from the

According to the council, which represents 14 leading trading groups.

Japan made drastic attempts to correct its trade balance with West Europe last month when imports increased by 38.7 per cent over a year ago and Japanese exports to West Europe dropped by 20.2 per cent below the level recorded in February, 1976.

The Council, in a general report on its trading pattern with the world, went on to point out that Japan's trade surplus with West Europe had declined to £44.5m for the month of February compared to the £115m boom in the same month a year ago.

In general, the Japan trade council cited other statistics which suggest the

country's exports to the rest of the world increased by 8.4 per cent while imports dropped by 0.5 per cent in February, against the same period a

A spokesman for the trade council said last night that the statistics were based on the import and export con-tracts of 14 major trading companies, which account for 60 per cent of the country's two-way volume of trade. He went on to claim that the sharp turnround in the pattern of trade between Japan and West Europe last month "reflects a genuine attempt to reverse Europe's complaints over Japan's surplus trade balance of \$4,200m (about £2,500m) last year".

However, European diplomats who have been urging the Japanese government to lift some of the country's restrictive and non-tariff barriers on export, remained sceptical and said they would wait to see what would follow. "Even if the trend continues, Japan is likely to wind up with a whopping surplus this year. More important, we have no firm assurance that Japanese

producers of cars, steel, and ships will

imports of manufactured and sophisti-cated goods from industrialized In the meantime, evidence is mounting in Tokyo to suggest that Japanese industrialists are revolting against the governments cal for moderate trade

live up to their promises and restrict Reacting to government's suggestion that the ship building industry should their exports to Europe on a voluntary basis", a West European diplomat said. increase prices by 5 per cent to appease A spokesman for the EEC mission compensors in Europe, major producers suggested they might lose lucrative conin Tokyo was also cautious: "We accept last month's trade figures as an initial tracts as a result of the official directive. A spokesman for Mitsubishi Heavy Industrie told the Japanese press resterday that many foreign ship encouraging sign. But it is a symptom only and we can draw no conclusion. We have not made an analysis to estab-lish whether this will set the trend for owners have suspended negotiations on future orders during the last month.
"No television threat": Soaring imports of Japanese colour television the future or whether the statistics only reflect a temporary change in the pattern of trade. In any event, there is a gap between our statistics and the Japanese record", he said.

sets last month does not mean Japan is poised to grab a larger slice of the United Kingdom market, the Department of Trade said ytsterday. Japanese colour set exports to yester-day rose by 151 per cent in February compared with the mouth before— 8,748 to 22,000—according to a Reuter

report.

But a Department of Trade spokesman said the Jtpanese had made a market-share forecast in November last year, and there we no reason to suppose they would exceed that. Japanese fore-casts for the two previous years had both been accurate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will higher tea prices raise living standards in the Third World?

From Mr John Tanner Sir, There has almost been a revolution in the affairs of the revolution in the arrains of the tea undustry since the television programme. World in Action in 1973 highlighted the plight of malnourished pea pickers on Sri Lankan estates. In those days when most reas fetched less than 50p a kilo at the auctions, companies such as Brooke Bond argued that improving con-ditions was difficult when they were making so little money from their tea growing

operations,
Today as London auction prices rush towards 300p a kilo British and locally owned tea companies in developing countries are anticipating very handsome profits. Few members of the British public will be-grudge paying poor countries more for their tea, especially

Delays in British

car deliveries From Mr C. L. Verity

Sir, A recent correspondent complained about a three-month delay in the promised delivery of a Ford Escort. My employers ordered for me a Ford Cortina Estate car in early December and there are no signs of delivery being imminent. The company for which I work orders some hundreds of new British cars a year.

It must surely only be a matter of time before delivery delays on British cars are reduced enormously by the transfer of loyalty from the February was a relatively fleet buyers to continental cars, quite month for fire damage, It is of note that my brotherfleet buyers to continental cars. in-law recently bought a Volvo Estate car "off the peg" with delivery time limited to the normal delay in registration. Yours faithfully,

C. L. VERITY, Boundary House, Brimpton Common, Nr Reading Berkshire.

after 20 years of price stagna-tion. However, many consumers are concerned that the extra Bond or any other company we are paying in the shops will end up in the wrong pockets. One immediate result of the better prices is higher tax receipts by Third World govern-ments. In Sri Lanka, where the estates are nationalized, in-creased prices are of direct benefit to the government and can be used to help the ordinary people of that island. Another result is that remittances to parent companies can be expected to rise by at least 20 per cent. In this way some of the money paid out at the auctions by British tea distributors who also have estates overseas will be returned. overseas will be returned.

protes with the relative to the country of origin and not simply used to boost profitability of the parent company in Britain:
We believe the tea drinking public has the right to know. Yours faithfully, JOHN TANNER, World Development Movement British tea profits in India more than doubled between

1970 and 1974, from £31m to

Proposed lorry weight changes

From Mr John Parton ____ Sir, Readers of your paper will recollect that a proposal was put forward in 1968-69 to alter the weight kimit and wheel chassis base of continental-type goods vehicles (Juggernaut), and after considerable public protest especially from the amenity movement, supported by the Civic Trust and other of the Civic Trust and other national organizations, the alterations in weight limits were not proceeded with. This was due chiefly to the effects that such extra weighted lorries would have on the structural fabrics of many of the historic buildings in the cities of Great Britain. The River Thames Society is therefore greatly concerned that the EEC Council of Transport Ministers, at a meeting to be held shortly, will dis-

cuss a proposal to increase lorry weights again.

The planning committee of the River Thames Society has again studied these proposals and is still adamant against any increase in the weight of lorries using the roadways of Great Britain. The society again objects to these proposals in respect of the effects it would have on Thames bridges, in particular the historic hridges of Richmond, Marlow,

bridges over the Thames that is, Hammersmith, Royal Albert and Chelsea bridges The society has only in re-cent months expressed considerable concern at the fabric problems that are being caused the increased weights that this bridge has to take. Notwithstanding, it is the view of the River Thames Society that more

at a very low level. Can prooke Bond or any other company involved in the production of tea assure us that the current windfall profits will be used to

help raise living standards for the poor in the Third World? In particular, can they assure

us that they are improving wages and conditions on the estates sufficiently and that profits will be relayested in the

onus must be put on an integrated transport policy for the United Kingdom to coincide with the transport policy of the European Economic Community, and that within this policy there should be a coordinated framework established to an sure that more heavy goods are carried on the railways and then more use should be made of water-borne transportation of the river Thames.

Bearing all these factors in mind the society intends to subthese aspects to the Secretary of State for Transport and in the EEC. The society sincere'v hones that support will be forthcoming from all other local amenity organizations and from the public at large.
JOHN W. PARTON.

Vice Chairman and Honorary 🚎 😁 Consultant. River Thames Society.

Hungerford and Oxford, to-gether with the suspension

From Mr N. Jenkins Sir, It is saddening and somewhat disturbing to see such a letter as that of Mr L. G. Brookes (March 17), trying to ignore and even brush off as unimportant inescapable, fun-damental, physical facts. But it is also educational in that this letter shows how far even the UKAEA can be wrong, how much human error there can be in pursuing a single aim to the exclusion of all other in-

Sadi Carnot in 1824, contemporary of Michael Farraday, postulated certain physical laws which govern the conversion of any fuel into any form of energy. His energy work was in fact more important than Farraday's electrical, but its significance has been largely operhooded in subsequent gely overlooked in subsequent

developments. In modern terms, Carnot was saying that for every unit of electricity there have to be two units of heat. The electricity industry, aided and abetted by the nuclear industry, wastes (an official Ministry view) 22 per cent of all fuels used in the United Kingdom for any

but demonstrably true.

It is plainly true to anyone who can understand simple proportion. The official statistics show 30 per cent as the electricity industry's average thermal efficiency, close on 80 per cent for combined heat and power.

CH & P does not use the vast quantity of low tempera-ture heat wasted by large power stations, it merely takes a larger share of the energy resulting from burning fuel. Where usable hot water can be distributed, electricity for heat-ing is far too wasteful of pri-mary fuels. mary fuels. It is high time everyone con-

cerned began to think in terms of usable energy and not so much heat or electricity. The ratio of one to another is variable but the only sensible answer is to maximize the total, not just one. It is just as reprehensible for metal smelters, for one of many instances, to use as much heat as they do without generating electricity as it is for the elec-tricity and nuclear industries

Ranks Hovis McDougall names new directors

as chairman of Metropolitan Pensions Association (Holdings), is succeeded by Mr Fred Grant who continues as managing director of the MPA Group, Mr A. J. W. S.

post as company secretary is taken by Mr R. G. Baker.
Sir Gregory Kater has been elected chairman of CSR following the retirement of Sir John Dunlop, who will continue as chairman of the Australian Estates Company. Mr D. C. Pleckiddes

chairman of the Australian Estates Company. Mr D. G. Block joins the board.

Mr R. M. Emmanuel, Mr J. F. F. Barnes and Mr G. Hsuan have been made joint managing directors of Wheeler's Restaurants. Mr Bernard Walsh has given up as managing director but remains chairman.

Mr F. W. Page managing director.

Bonifacio.

The new president of the British
Textile Confederation is Dr Brian
Smith, chairman of ICI Fibres and
of the Man-made Fibres Producers

Inescapable facts of energy generation

Heat and power diverged taken parallel and have courses since the beginning of together. Energy Report no. 20 just published shows clearly the colossal consequences of the basic error made when electricity at any price (one shilling a unit in the twenties was no deterrent) was the insistent demand and fuel of no account at all. The situation is ignored in order to support :now reversed.

is shutting his eyes to the future of his own in supplying hoth heat and power. He is ignoring the routine economic essentiality of CH & P in such industries as pulp and paper tyre, tobacco, fertilizer, cattle food and edibles manufactures, oil refining—and many others, economics that should perform equally well in the public sec-

to send to waste two units of heat for every one they put to good use.

tor were it not for the evils of monopoly supply.

The low grade fuels Mr

Brookes refers to are being used for these purposes and the when fluid-bed combustors now and electricity distribution in the making rapid progress are 1890s. It is time they came available will, because they operate at lower temperatures. 3 x = be more efficient and, by:absorption, emit far less toxit ::: pollution.

If Mr Brookes's attitude is

typical of the UKAEA outlook then it bodes ill for all of us that such fundamentals can be ow reversed.

Mr Brookes is trying to suptrial character. It is not tree
of Sir John Hill, his chainsa, propaganda of a purely induwho at one time a couple of years ago, was at pains to in-clude district heating in his reviews of the potential of nu-clear energy. Perhaps an official opinion rather than a personal one should now be expressed. The italics above are my own. NORMAN JENKINS, Farnham, Surrey.

THE MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. J. A. F. Binny, and the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st January 1977.

		
Year to 31st Ja	nuary 1977	1976
Gross Revenue	£5,145,791	£4,937,047
Ordinary Farnings	I.00D	o,83p
Ordinary Dividends	0.95P	1.61p
Net Assets	£89.26m	£94.11m
Assets per Ordinary Share	41½P	43 P
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- Earnings per share rose by 2000, a better result than predicted, and the dividend proposed for the year of 0.95p compares with a forecast of 0.80p.
- In the light of uncertainties both in the United Kingdom and overseas we reduced our gearing during the year through loan repayments and bond purchases. At 31st January 9.3% of the portfolio was in British Government Securities.
- Owing to the increases in the costs of independent operation we reached agreement during the year with Investment Trust Services Ltd. whereby it became Secretary to the Company. Management expenses will show a significant reduction this year.
- At 31st January, 46% of the portfolio was invested in U.K. equities, 30% in N. American equities, 10% in other equities and 14% in fixed interest securities. At the moment the board sees no reason to depart from this broad balance.

Copies of the report and accounts may be obtained from the Company at Bucklersbury House, 11 Walbrook, London EC4N SEQ where the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1977

CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED INTEREST RATES

Clydesdale Bank Limited announces that with effect from 31st March, 1977, its Base rate for lending is being decreased from $10\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

Manual workers earn 12.4 pc more in a year

By Caroline Atkinson Average full-time earnings of men manual workers rose by £7.39 a week in the year ending October 1976 to reach £66.37, acording to Department of Employment figures

The increase was equal to an average percentage rise of 12.4 per cent and was larger than the maximum weekly wage increases allowed under either of the pay policies in force during the 12 months.

Longer working hours with are now both better paid, on increased overtime accounted for some, though probably not all, of the discrepancy, as did differing industrial structure

was only 11.3 per cent, less than half the increase in the preceding year, and below the 14.7 per cent rise in prices in the same mining, was £94.33.

Women manual workers did better than the men in percenterms, with average rises of 18.8 per cent, but their average weekly wage of £40.61 in October was still less than two thirds of the male average.

The men covered by the survey worked a longer week, however, averaging 44 hours compared to the female average of 37.4 hours. Scottish and Welsh workers

the fact that the survey does and is especially marked in not cover exactly the same manufacturing. workers in each year.

The rise in hourly earnings oil operations are shown to for men during the 12 months boost the Scottish figure: the average weekly pay packet of Scottish workers in the extrac-

Aid programme for Wales

The Welsh Development redundancies. Agency is to spend £160m during the next five years in a concerted drive to create thousands of new jobs. It will be put into factories,

land reclamation, industrial pro-motion, and will also fund the agency's merchant venturer role.
In its policy document, published today, the agency says priority will be given to the provision of investment capital for

Wales-based enterprises and to

development of factory sites in says.

make a "major impact" on em-ployment, complementing existcapital, loans, loan guarantees, take employment potential very

parts affected by steel industry

ing government grant sources, providing money for companies to expand by means of equity or a combination of all three.
"Although the agency will

It says its programme would

much into account in assessing projects, the provision of fin-ance will not be related to the creation of any specified num-ber of jobs", the statement

158.7 15.6

EIGHTYEARS

STONE-PLATT GROWTH

Jobcentres 'fill 70 pc of

vacancies' By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter
An interim evaluation by the Manpower Services Commis-sion of its Jobcenire programme has produced figures showing a marked increase in activity over the old "employment exchange" concept. The figures also point to the fact that Jobcentres, with their carpeted floors and supermarket appeal, are competing well against private employ-

Mr Richard O'Brien, chairman of the commission, empha-sized yesterday that "if private agencies provide a good quality service there is no reason why public and private agencies cannot coexist". He refuted suggestions that the aim was to create a state monopoly of job placement

The commission reported that 301 Jobcentres are or will soon be in operation, and con-firmed that it will open the centres at the rate of 100 a year for the next five years, at a cost with servicing of £5m

a year.

With 800 Jobcentres "we will virtually have a national network", Mr Alan Brown, chief executive of the MSC's Employment Services Agency,

said.
The evidence is that Job centres are used by 20 per cent more people than use employment exchanges. About 70 per cent of notified vacancies are filled by them.

In brief

Other economic observers pointed out

that Japan's imports increased because

of the rising price of raw materials, which weer reexported in the form of

manufactured goods. Little or nothing has been done to increase Japan's

practises which might appeare Europe.

Shipbuilding 'facing 3 more lean years'

World shipbuilding is facing at least another three lean years, with orders this year slumping to 10 million tons or less, it was forecast yesterday. Orders last year were down to 13 million tons gross, com-pared with 73.6 million three years earlier. This has already led to a major crisis for world shipvards, resulting in cut-

throat competition and protectionist policies by governments. Last year's world order intake represented barely 40 per cent of a typical year, and the inflow of orders was the lowest recorded by Lloyd's Register of Shipping since it began compiling detailed records over a decade ago.

Mr Robert Huskisson, chair-man of Lloyd's Register, said in his annual statement yesterday that it was unlikely the industry would return to a more stable situation until at least 1980. Recent high levels of new building had so reduced the age of the present world fleet that it was unrealistic to expect further substantial investment for at least three years.

Guide to improve chemicals safety

A guide intended to improve the safery record of Britain's chemical industry was launched yesterday. Mr Donald Bennett, chairman of the Chemical In-dustry Safety and Health Committee, said that there was a growing need to apply more

"We have to apply new techniques to study variations in plant behaviour before they happen", he said. One technique now available was the Hazard and Operability Study, based on the question "What would happen if ...?"

Fire losses decline to £14.1m

with overall estimated costs to the insurance industry of £14.1m, £8.3m down on the January total.

Latest figures from British Insurance Association show that there were two major fires during the month, costing about £750,000, and four claims of £500,000. The number of smaller claims dropped, with 64 fires costing £25,000 or more, against 94 in January.

Go-ahead for Irish zinc smelter

Ireland's Industrial Development Authority yesterday an-nounced the go-ahead for its plan to build at 100,000 tonnesa-year zinc smelter to process the output of mines at Navan in co Meath, about 30 miles

Initial capacity is expected to be operational by 1981, and there are plans to double capa-city to 200,000 tonnes.

Proposed EEC concessions on isoglucose were dismissed as worthless yesterday by one of the leading companies in the British industrial sweetener

European Commission were just as damaging as those they

replace a.

Isoglucose is an alternative sweetener to sugar extracted from starchy crops which can be slightly cheaper than sugar. Mr John Silkin, president of the EEC council of farm ministers, reported after his return to London from the latest abortive don from the latest abortive meeting about price supports that the Commission had halved its proposed production levy on

east London which would create 100 new jobs in the manufacture of a product which is seen as a threat to sugar beet by the European farming lobby. Isoglu-cose is usually made from maize.

The British Maize Refiners' Association said the proposed levy was "purely punitive".

1969 1970 1971 1972 824 11.2 52.4 57.3 60.1 63.0 20.3 Net Sales £m. 7.0 18.0 16.1 11.7 3.25 3.4 3.66 4.11 4.52 8.1 7.9 25.1

Capital/Product

expenditure £m.

10.8

12.5

Stone-Platt Industries is an international engineering company with world-wide sales of £195m and employing 13,500 people.

The company aims to be a world leader in each of its main products spinning and texturing machinery, marine propellers, train lighting and air conditioning, specialised pumps.

From the 1976 Report.

☐ Profit before tax was 39% higher than in

 \square Sales were up by 23%. ☐ Total sales outside UK were £159m, representing 82% of total. ☐ Exports from the UK were up 36% to £91m representing 72% of UK output. ☐ Safety Electrical Corporation acquired in

the USA for \$6.6m. ☐ Each of the main product lines are now manufactured in North America.

For a copy of our 1976 Accounts and an illustrated brochure write to: The Secretary, Stone-Platt Industries Ltd., 25 St James's Street, London, SWIA 1HH.

	1976	1975	
Net Sales £m.	194.7	158.7	
Profit before taxation £m.	15.6	11.2	
After-tax earnings per share p.	20,3	18.0	
Gross dividend per share p.	4.98	4.52	
Capital/Product development			-
expenditure £m.	11.2	7.9	
Return on Capital Employed %	24.3	25.1	•

Stone-Platt **Industries**

Isoglucose levy angers

industry.

Mr Bernard Smartt, managing director of Tunnel Refineries, said that new proposals from the European Commission were

isoglucose.

The new proposed levy is 50 units of account or about £28.50 a tonne. "This levy would add 14 per cent to the current selling price of isoglucose", Mr Smartt said. "In these circumstances manufactures and the current selling price of isoglucose", Mr Smartt said. "In these circumstances manufactures. those circumstances manufac-ture would not be economically possible."

His company had already de-cided to open an £8m factory in

Business appointments

elected chairman of the Unit Trust
Association.
Mr John Swire, chairman of
John Swire and Sons, has been
appointed a non-executive director of Ocean Transport and Trading.
Mr John Engledew, managing
director of Racal Instruments,
becomes deputy managing director
of Racal Communications and
managing director of Racal Communications Equipment. Mr John
Ceresa is to be managing director
of Racal Instruments.
Mr Frank Smith, who has retired
as chairman of Metropolitan Pen-

Mr S. V. Robinson and Mr R. C.
Loombe are being appointed directors of Ranks Hovis McDongall.
Mr Robinson will remain chairman and managing director of the RHM agricultural division. Mr
Loombe will be giving up his executive post with Ranks (freland) to return to the United Kingdom, but will remain a director of Ranks (freland). Mr G. L. Dennis becomes a divisional director. Mr
Bull is appointed a director of Ranks (freland) and will become ioint deputy chairman and chief executive.

Mr P. W. Longland has been divisional board of BAT industries in place of Mr P.
McCadam. Mr G. L. Dennis becomes a divisional director. Mr
P. J. Ricketts ioins the paper divisional board of BAT, and his post as company secretary is taken by Mr R. G. Baker.

Sir Gregory Kater has been elected chairman of CSR follow-

Mr F. W. Page, managing director (aircraft), British Aircraft Corporation, has been appointed chairman of Panavia Aircraft GmbH. He succeeds Dr R.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Interest rates: back to single figures

Gilt-edged prices would have volved a p/e ratio of 8.5 and gone firmer yesterday on pure yield of 7.9 per cent are perhaps gode firmer yesterday on pure relief that there was nothing in Tuesday's Budget to worry about: but the strength of sterling provided the real impetus. Sterling provides the key to interest rates; if yester-day's strength is maintained then the fall in interest rates has further to go. That, however, is to assume a moderation of union leaders entering Stage III negotiations which, as a matter of pure politics, they are

matter of pure politics, they are unlikely to display.

And it is also to assume, either that the two-point gap between pound and dollar interest rates is due to be breached, or that dollar rates are still set to decline.

With United Kingdom inflation still running at rwice the

tion still running at rwice the rate of that in America, and the United States economy set for recovery, both those assumpror recovery, both those assumptions are improbable. That still leaves scope for another two-point cut in minimum lending rate: but the market is already anticipating half of that tomorrow, or possibly even today, If that full point fall does materialize there will be lived. materialize there will be little for the gilt market to go for in the short-term: and indeed, the likely outlook now is for a period of profit-taking and then some sideways movement while the market weighs the pay negotiations and sterling's reaction to them.

But with the Government's borrowing requirement likely to be fairly modest by last year's standards, and institutional in-vestors in the enjoyment of a large inflow of funds, there is

large inflow of funds, there is still room for some growth once the pay uncertainties are over.

That is likely to flow through into equities too, but for the moment the banks are not likely to benefit from it. True, yesterday's widening of the retail margin to what was once an unthinkable 41 per cent has cut by maybe a third the decline in profits they would otherwise have experienced—but until volume lending improves the outlook must be uninspiring.

House of Fraser

After the 'VAT reprieve'

With shares on the stores pitch already bubbling happily as a already bubbling happily as a result of the Budget VAT "reprieve" a warm stock market welcome was assured for House of Fraser's better-

than expected results.

Its shares gained 5p to 94p on the news that the group had managed to transform a near 50 per cent drop in first half pre-tax profits into a gain of 32 per cent by the end of the

numer covering the Christmas sales period saw profits grow 74 per cent to £19.4m thus pro-viding almost 70 per cent of the full-year total compared a sector average of nearer

So, Sir Hugh Freser's reputation as a draper has lost none of its lustre though his esteem so far as the City is concerned may have some bearing on the performance of the shares over

the next few months.

Sir Hugh, whose family still holds around 5 per cent of the group has not so far gone to great lengths to clarify his future intentions following the controversial sale of a large part of its SUITs holding to Lougho. SUITs holds 10 per cent of House of Fraser but even more speculative froth is added to the current picture as a result of Carter Hawley Hale's

20 per cent stake.

CHH, SUITs and Sir Hugh have all stated that they are happy with the existing arrange. ment but stockmarket fears of a large-scale self-off from one quarter are almost as great as hopes of a full bid eventually merging. Given the possibilities ingrounds enough for holding the shares but there are speculative factors to consider, Final 1976-77 (1975-76)

Capitalization £114.2m Sales £429m* (£366.5m*) Pre-tax profits £27.7m (£20.9m) Earnings per share

11.05p (8.44p) Dividend gross 6.57p (5.97p) * Excluding VAT

Schroders

Mostly gains

Figures from Schroders confirm what those from Kleinwort Benson had already suggested : that the merchant banks benefited by nowhere near as much as the clearers from last year's high interest rates—naturally, since they don't enjoy the same "endowment" benefit on the cheap funds held in current

All the same, Schroders principal activities—banking and insurance—have done well, with profits after tax and transfers to inner reserves rising from £2.9m to £3.6m Non-banking, too, did well, reflecting a high level of acti-vity at Schroder Leasing: and profits rose from £286,000 to £653,000 despite an (unquanti-fied) write down of the capital

value of the group's stake in Property Holdings Inter-That 50 per cent stake in fact provided Schroders with most of its headaches last year, for PHI has made a hefty loss which pushed the share of associates (despite contributions elsewhere) from a profit of \$12.000 to a lose of \$12.000.

of £242,000 to a loss of £1.23m. The year has started well, and though the chairman, Mr Michael Verey, "gave up forecasting 33 years ago", he is mildly optimistic. However, that looks to be more than adequately discounted already in a yield of only 4.8 per cent at 330p.

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization E25.8m Net profits E2.21m (E2.66m) Earnings per share 28.3p (34p) Dividend gross 15.8p (14.3p)

Tubes Aluminium rebounds

The story from Tube Investments last year is that the British Aluminium contribution, aided by price increases totalling 40 per cent, bounded up from £0.8m to £6.4m and that the rest of the group did little

Restrictions on transfers of profits and dividends out of South Africa, contained in the Government's Budget yesterday, underwriting experience casts a should have ony a limited affect shadow over the figures, partithere. Under present rules any overseas company with a cash rich South African subsidiary could withdraw dividends on profits made from 1960 at first sign of major political dis-turbance causing irreparable damage to South Africa's balance of payments.
The decision to allow trans-

fers of profits and payments of dividends earned only since January 1 ,1975, and the inten-tion to restrict future payments to the previous two years' earnings should not affect foreign companies who wish to keep their South African operations

as going concerns. However, there may be the odd case where a company has allowed reserves to accumulate in a South African subsidiary from a time when the prospects there looked far more settled than they do today and may have planned to remit substanmore than two years'

better than mark time. But that description alone does no justice to the vigorous second half recovery as a result of which TPs results have emerged some £4m-£5m ahead of most stock market projections.

Stock market projections.

Steel tube profits, down in the first ball, were up by a quarter in the second, while cycles, which had earlier been edging forward only alowly, were alread by inter-quarters. Domestic appliances and machines swung back into surplus and, all told, group trading profits were close to a fifth higher in the final period.

Very little of that represents volume, however. Aside from British Aluminium it is clear that TI has been getting its prices up well, most particu-larly in export markets where full advantage has been taken the pound's fail.
All of which bodes well for

the present year despite the sluggish outlook for domestic appliances and the apparent lack of any present volume increase. The first half will compare with a dignal period lack pare with a dismal period last year, and for steel tubes at least there should be some pros-pect of production increases as restocking ahead of any 1978 investment revival gets under

British Aluminium and cycles should be good for more growth and a high level of inquiries, such as machine tools are presently experiencing, is normally a prelude to more orders. So a target of £58m-£60m this year is not unreasonable and a price earnings ratio of 8.1 and yield of 7 per cent at 412p represent solid value. Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £188m Sales £716m (£619m) Sales £716m (£619m)
Pre-tax profits £49.6m (£42.3m)
Earnings per share 50.7p
(44.2p) Dividend gross 29.8p (26.2p)

Prudential

Underwriting disappoints

General business lines were expected to provide much of the growth for Prudential Assurance in 1976. But householders subsidence claims added to subsidence claims added to January storm damage and high winter motor claims helped reverse the marked first half improvement, increasing the year's underwriting deficit by £1.9m to £10.2m.

Investment income bolstered by 1975's £46m rights issue generated £21.5m against £15.7m bringing pre-tax profits on the non-life side to £11.3m. Shareholders' cut of life surpluses produced a further

pluses produced a further £13.7m and other net income chipped in £4.5m bringing distributable profits roughly into line with market forms. line with market forecasts Overall earnings may match forecasts, but the disappointing underwriting experience casts a cularly since the group, while not quantifying its subsidence claims, discounts the idea that these exceptional costs accounted for all the downturn. The dismal underwriting result is particularly disappointing in view of the Prudential's success, through its acquisition of Standard Trust, in resolving its immediate solvency problems. On the life front Prudential's

weight of industrial branch business has not hit premium growth. But doubts about the quality of the non-life business and the effect of the market of the £7m overhang of shares held by Development Securities could hit the price in the short term. At 126p, up 2p on the results, the shares yield 7.3 per

cent. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization E343.6m Non-life premiums £322m

(£234m)
Distributable profits £24.5m Dividend gross 9.16p (8.33p)

Maurice Corina

A subsidy which has kept over 200,000 at work

Thousands of workers owe their jobs to the operation of the The main worry when the Chancellor took the decision jobs to the operation of the temporary employment subsidy (TES), first introduced in August, 1975, to help keep workforces together during difficult times. The payments—at first £10 a week but later doubled—were originally intended to last a year, but given the slower than expected recovery in industrial activity it is hardly surprising to find the Chancellor again reprieving the jobs

surprising to find the Chancellor again reprieving the jobs subsidy.

With the ranks of the unemployed already swollen, the Government has already protected over 224,000 jobs for at least 12 months and probably longer Ruplonger Result like

least 12 months and probably longer. Employers clearly like the scheme and the Treasury, though coy on the point, is finding the subsidy a surprisingly cheap measure.

The subsidy was due to end on April 30, having been extended from December for new applications. In the Budget statement the Chancellor announced that, where 12-months subsidy payments to companies come to an end in the coming come to an end in the coming financial year, the employers can reapply for a further six months of payments, though at a reduced rate of £10 per head a reduced rate of £10 per head a reduced rate of £10 per head weekly where jobs would otherwise be at risk.

At the same time, new applications for the higher rate of £20 a week will be taken until

March 31, 1978. It is expected that about 165,000 jobs can be saved in the next 12 months, with another 162,000 being protected under the reduced rate subsidy. For small firms with less than 50 workers and operating in development areas, there is a £20 a week subsidy now available for every new job created (an important measure when smaller concerns have shed about a fifth of all the

regions). There is no doubt that the operation of the employment subsidy has been a great suc-cess. The gross cost of its

unemployed people in these

There is no doubt that TES has been a great success

extension to March 31, 1978, is estimated at over £250m, which looks a lot of money.

Yet government coyness on the actual net cost is understandable. After all, it is withdrawing regional employment premium. Further, the Exchequer does make some important offsetting savings on the ployment and redundancy benefits that would otherwise be paid out, the taxation it draws from people kept in work, and the maintenance of national insurance contributions, now subject to a special sur-

charge, too. Industries which are being supported by the TES are wideranging, from distribution to agriculture. But the biggest beneficiaries have been textiles, clothing, footwear, electrical and mechanical engineering, construction and paper.

Any employer faced with making 10 or more workers redundant can apply for the jobs payment over a 12 month period. The reprieve last December until next month brought a rush of new applications, for at the turn of the year some 150,000 jobs had been saved and the latest figures put the number at 224,000, at a gross cost of £212m.

Chancellor took the decision two years ago to arm the Government with power to make special payments to firms prepared to defer planned redundancies was that it might encourage over-manning or prop up companies which would be incapable of standing on their own feet in normal times.

The idea was to buy more time for employers envious to retain personnel for the pro-

The biggest beneficiaries have included textiles, clothing footwear, paper and engineering

mised economic upturn or to redeploy people into more valuable jobs.

There has been strong support for the whole scheme from employers, particularly those in important manufacturing interests. ing industries which, odd as it may seem, remain concerned about future labour shortages now manufacturing output is now manufacturing output is rising and the somewhat de-layed rise in export orders is coming through. Many of the Neddy sector working parties involved in the Governments industrial strategy programme have expressed anxieties about the retention of labour, especially skilled people, so there is no development of production bottlenecks as order books fill up.

books fill up.

Redundancy has become a very expensive business for employers. The average payment, for example, under the jointly financed Redundancy Fund rose in 1976 to over £500 for nearly 256,000 workers Ten years before, the payments averaged under £200. At the same time, the enactment of new employment protection new employment protection law has added to the complications of declaring redundancies, while trade unions are militant over sackings and more prone

to occupy works.

Clearly, the Government has had little choice but to extend had little choice but to extend the TES. Many employers kept on workers believing the Chan-cellor might deliver faster growth, end there was a real danger this year that they would start shedding TES— protected employees just at the moment when unemployment figures might begin reducing. figures might begin reducing.

The employment subsidy is of course, only one of a number of schemes introduced in recent years, covering youth employ-ment, school-leavers, job release special training measures. More than £600m has been spent in the past two years on creating or keeping open 500,000 jobs or training places, while the De-partment of Industry's aid schemes make their own particular impact on employment

After all is said and done there is the central fact that the TES will be keeping over 200,000 off the unemployment register, while the Chancellor expects his tax measures to pro-duce another 100,000 jobs in due course. But when there are more people chasing fewer jobs, it is not the payment of subsiment but the tempo of indus trial activity and new invest

TES may be something of a success story, but even so the size of the presently unemployed workforce with more school leavers on the way this summer remains unacceptable.

Between bull pit and bear garden

sceptical that monetary reactions would cut short a

real expansion is very favour-able to the expansion of credit.

Profits are good, and risks appear to be low; even though there is some strain on the ulti-

mate money supply, the oppor-tunities for the development of

money substitutes are vast, and the strain is therefore not very

Peter Jay

Economics Editor

likely to be effective so long as the boom continues "(Trade Cycle, 3rd impression, p159).

But Sir John's authority could equally well be cited on the opposite side of the argument by the bears. Mr Gordon Pepper

of W. Greenwell and Co, has consistently warned since the late autumn of last year against the danger of a violent monetary contraction causing a pronounced intensification of the

present depression. Certainly,

Mr Pepper's warnings that, so long as the Bank of England

long as the Bank of England continues to operate on the basis of preconceived notions of the desirable level of nominal interest rates from time to time, the money supply can fall disastrously in 1977, look no less relevant for the experience of the past three months.

Sir John saw "the real horrors" occurring if "a further monetary crisis supervenes when depression is already well advanced. Really catastrophic depression is most unlikely to occur as a result of the

to occur as a result of the

simple operation of the real

accelerator mechanism; it is likely to occur when there is profound monetary instability—

He was, of course, writing of

page 163).

"For the actual process of

developing boom:

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One of Britain's two most range" investment waiting to One of Britain's two most internationally eminent economists cells me that he is convinced that we are on the brink of a formidable boom. This insight he attributes not to any intellectually demonstrable cause, but to a feeling he has the monetary system to aggra-vate the natural "real" rhythms of the investment accelerator, which he saw as the primary cause of the observed trade cycle pheno-menon. But even he was "in his water".

He admits to having laid aside a life-time of meticulous economic science and fertile theoretical development in favour of near-myssicism. He has rediscovered the heroically simple explanation of the trade simple explanation of the trade cycle advanced by the great early twentieth century Cambridge economist, Professor A. C. Pigou, namely that man—both investor and consumer—is afflicted with successive waves of optimism and pessimism which, once they begin, are powerfully self-reinforcing, at least for a good while.

He mints to the confidence

He points to the confidence of the stock market, to failing interest rates, to the dip in personal savings from the last quarter of 1976, to the fall in unemployment over the last two months and to the rise in unfilled meaning over the last two months and to the rise in unfilled vacancies over the last four or five months. He acknowledges that all the careful predictions of forecasting science in 1974, 1975 and 1976 were thrown our completely by the wholly unforeseen strength of personal savings; and he rejects the instant explanation invented to account for this, namely that it was a reaction to inflation as such.

This may, of course, all be just temporary derangement induced by the Budget. When direct and indirect taxes are adjusted by as much as double what is required to roll back the effects of the last year's fiscal drag on the netion's tax burden, even eminent economists may be so carried away that, as Calpurnia had it, their "wisdom is consum'd in con-

But it is not only eminent economists. Investors and City men are also going forth to the Capitol, or at least to the stock exchange, in cheerful throngs. Battle-scarred warriors of many brunal financial camprigns are to be heard prohesying the biggest bull-market in 20 years, 1950s-style interest rates and even the renascence of some real profit-ability in industry and com-

profound mouetary instability—when the rot in the monetary system goes very deep."
His explanation of the Great Depression of the 1930s was that "a deep monetary crisis developed, not in its 'proper' place, shortly after the downturn, but in full depression in the summer of 1931 [causing the real cycle] to plunge to yet lower depths." (Trade Cycle, page 163). merce.
Such is the mood of men who set little store by the money supply and its potency to influence the course of the economic cycle. Nor need one doubt that, if there were no monetary constrictions and if industry's fundamental doubts about profitability, whether because of weak demand or daunting labour costs, were swept away in a wave of business optimism, there would be a longe backlog of what Sir John Hicks, in his classic study of the Trade Cycle, called autonomous and and along active lending to replace

unsound credit with sounder credit". It will be said that there is be brought forward. Sir John, of course, set great store by the potency of

no serious question about the financial stability of British banks, despite the earlier prob-lems of the "fringe" banks and despite the difficulties for the international banking system still being caused by the violent effects of the oil surpluses and deficits after 1973. But, if the Bank of England operated in such a way as inadvertently to cause an abrupt monetary contraction—the wisdom of Thornton and Bagehot notwithstand-ing—then indeed Sir John's

"really catastrophic depression" could be caused.

But the Real-But the Bank of England, after all, is ham-fisted rather than mad. If in order to arress a fall in the money supply gikes have to be bought back by the authorities—or Treasury balances, as the Canadians call them, created on a large scale by direct government deposits with the clearing banks—the Treas-ury is perfectly capable of see-

ing the need.

Moreover, I incline to believe
in the eminent economist's
watery inimations of a revival of, at least, consumers' confidence. If this occurs credit demand will revive; and that, interacting with the Bank's interest-rate-orientated openinterest-rate-orientated open-market operations, will cause the money supply to expand and perhaps threaten to exceed the Chancellor's 9-13 per cent budget expectations and the In-ternational Monetary Fund's domestic credit expansion?

ceiling. Because the budget deficit is still so large any strong invest-ment boom would be "crowded out" by Treasury competition for the available savings. This would raise real interest rates, even if falling inflationery ex-

nominal interest rates.

In that event the Chancellor could find himself again facing last autumn's agonizing choice between rapid monetary expan-sion, industrially runnous inter-est rates and politically daunting expenditure cuts. At the Three may say, pay settlements could be beginning to advance much more rapidly, so threatening a serious further rise in unemployment unless all monetary restraint is abandoned.

In that event, the political strains of resisting (and the financial consequences of con-ceding) the kind of monetary expansion that might mitigate unemployment in the short term, while furthing 50 per cent inflation in the medium term would be grim. They might at last test to destruction even Mr Healey's Yorkshire resilience, to say nothing of Mr Pardoe's Cornish good nature and Sir Geoffrey Howe's con-fidence that the problem is the Government's policy rather than the contradictions of our polit-ical economy.

The Prudential Assurance Company Limited

The unaudited results for the Prudential Group of Companies for 1976 are set out below with comparative figures for earlier years.

The Directors have declared an immediate final dividend of 3.752p per share payable on 23 June next. This, together with the interim dividend of 2.200p per share declared in September last, amounts to 5,952p. Adding an imputed tax credit at the rate of 35/65ths, the equivalent gross amount is 9.158p per share, and compares with 8.326p per share for 1975. If the rate of tax credit becomes 33/67ths, it would be the Directors' intention to declare a deferred final dividend of 0.116p per share in order to maintain the equivalent gross amount.

1975

1974

		£m	£m	£m	£m
Life:	Surplus	210.1	186.8	135.8	157.1
MIO.	Policyholders' bonus	196.4	174.8	127.8	146.1
	To Profit and Loss Account	13.7	12.0	8.0	11.0
Non-Life:	Premium Income	321.9	233.9	190.8	167.6
	Underwriting profit/(loss)	(10.2)	(8.3)	(4.7)	5.5
	Investment income	21.5	15.7	11.5	9.1
	-	11.3	7.4	6.8	14.6
	Taxation	5.0	4.1	1.6	6.7
	To Profit and Loss Account	6.3	3.3	5.2	7.9
Profit and	Life	13.7	. 12,0	8.0	11.0
Loss	Non-life	6.3	3,3	5.2	7.9
Account:	Other net income	4.5	2.7	29	1.0
	Profit for the year	24.5	18.0	16.1	19.9
	Retained profits	8.3	3.2	4.6	9.5
Dividend cos	t	16.2	14.8	11.5	10.4
Equivalent on	oss dividend per share	9.158p	8.326p	7 <i>.71</i> 1p	6.729p

Earnings per share are not appropriate for life assurance business and have not therefore been given. Figures for the Mercantile and General have been included on a current year basis. The Shareholders' Funds of the Group as at 31 December 1976 were £100.8m. If all the shares of The Standard Trust Limited are acquired under the offer made, Shareholders' Funds would be Bonuses on the Company's participating life and annuity business have been declared as follows:-

Ordinary Branch Assurances (United Kingdom)

£4.20% (a) Reversionary bonus: (b) Terminal bonus for policies issued in 1975 (1974) or earlier, payable on claims by death or maturity in the twelve months commencing 1 April 1977. (Examples shown below.) Year of issue 1967 1962 £31.00 (£27.80) (£43.80) (£72.70) £47,00 1957 £75.20 (£112.60) 1927 £119.00 Industrial Branch Assurances £2.60% (£2.60%) (a) Reversionary bonus:

(b) Terminal bonus for policies issued in 1975 (1972) or earlier payable on claims by death or maturity in the twelve months commencing 1 April 1977. (Examples shown below.) Year of issue £11.80 (£7.30) 1967 £26.70 (£21.50) 1962 £41.60 1957 (£37.40) £68.50

(£66.20) 1947 1927 £108.00 (£106.60) Group Pension Business (United Kingdom) The rate of annual bonus under deferred annuity contracts has been increased to £6.50% compound

(£6.00%) and under cash accumulation contracts to £4.40% compound (£3.90%).

The rates of bonus on United Kingdom personal retirement annuity plans have been increased and increases have been made in some bonus rates for overseas busine

The Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH.

Business Diary: Baring accepted • A Productivity Year?

With the effortless grace that characterizes everything to do with the Accepting Houses Committee, John Baring is to succeed Michael Verey of Schroders as chairman of that innermost sanctum of the mer-chant banks.

Baring is 48 and can trace his lineage back to the founder of Baring Brothers. He joined



John Baring of Baring's.

in New York and Toronto with J. P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley and Harris & Partners. On his return to Barings, he

became a director of the bank and then moved through the upper echelons, chiefly on the then expanding corporate finance side, finally emerging as chairman three years ago.

Having only just heard of his appointment yesterday—selection is apparently a matter of discreet canvassing by the ourgoing chairman—Baring has no set ideas of any immediate changes he would like to see made by the AHC which repre-

sents the interests of the leading merchant banks. With the resignation of Brands from the committee

and several other members no longer independently owned as well as the whole question of the future role of the merchant banks he will have plenty to occupy his mind. Away from banking, Baring's main interests lie in forming and managing his Hampshire-estate. Indeed, in some eyes, conservationists in particular, he is better known for this than banking. He had a brush with the authorities in 1972.

when he wanted to demotish the main neo-classical block of Grange Park, a listed country house of special historic and artistic value. Following this brouhaha the house is now under the aegis of the National

Two-day test David Bailey today faces his first big test as chief executive of the British Productivity

Council He is to present his policy for the year ahead to representa-tives of the council's 41 regional branches at a two-day private conference at Stratford

OR AVOIL This will be the first time he and they bave all been together in the same place at the same time. It is by no means sure that what he has to say will be to all the delegates'

Bailey will suggest that it is time BPC should once again function as a national body rather than as a federation of autonomous regional groups.

Unless he can sell that idea latter's retirement. The new to the branches, he has little man took a cut in salary in



British . Productivity . Council's David Bailey: wringing tones.

chance with the other plank of his policy, an attempt to wring some cash out of the Department of Industry.

BPC all but closed down after the withdrawal of state aid by the Heath government. The council has since staggered along on the proceeds from its film-making and distribution Bailey would like there to another officially-backed National Productivity similar to the present National

Export Year. The last time this was done was in 1962. Next year is other con BPC's jubilee year, which for civil ar reasons of historical tidiness, if projects. for no other, would seem as a good a year as any to have

another go. BPC associations of businessmen and trades unionists lecture, organize seminars and exhibitions and provide some consultancy services for small Bailey took over in August from Mac McLenaghan on the today and tomorrow will be watched with particular interest one member of the council management—Sydney Tread-

leaving his job as manager, NCR consultancy services. His

present salary can rise, how-ever, with the council's own

productivity". The proceedings at Stratford

As Business Diary tipped on February 22, Sir Peter Fletcher is joining Lord Beswick's team on the board of British Aero-He is joined by Derek Glad-win, southern regional secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, and already a member of the Post Office

Wingtip

Sir Peter, who is to be a fulltime member, is a fine "catch" for BAe, as it will probably be termed so as not to confuse it with the "BA" of British Air-

A retired air marchal, he is a director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation where one of his responsibilities in liaising with other countries on international and military aviation As Lord Beswick plans to take his infant organization into cooperative ventures with other

aircraft industries, notably those in Europe and the United States, Sir Peter's experience will be invaluable. These two appointments A for Industry, brings the board up to 12, two of them part-

Aerospace ranks as a second-tier board among nationalized industries, so that the chairman gets £23,330 a year, the deputy chairman, Allen Greenwood, at present chairman of British Aircraft Corporation, £19,330. and full-time members between of management—Sydney Treadgold, who is an assistant secrepart-time members, one of
tary at the Department of whom is Gladwin, will be paid £1,000. a year.

CBI's Rayner

The CBI is to have a parlia-mentary adviser for the first time. He is Edward Rayner, who used to be a press officer for Ted Heath until 1970. Rayner comes to the CBI from the BBC's publicity department Rayner's job is to be available to MPs of any stripe when they want to know the CBPs views on a particular topic, and to call in experts to help in talks with MPs on legislation or policy.

He will also be the contact

with MPs whenever the CBI wants to lobby, and will feed ideas back from Westminster to the CBI, a few blocks away in Tothill Street. This is the first time the CBI

has had such help on a syste-matic basis. The CBI does not have much trouble with access to ministers, but has been worried that there was a blind spot in the arrangements for traffic in ideas between the confederation and

colleague telephoned the announced yesterday by Eric operator to complain that she Varley, the Secretary of State could not receive incoming could not receive incoming calls. The operator said she would look into it and call back.



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Robeco N.Y. announce a Final Dividend for the year 1976 of in stack from the Share Premium Reserve

at the option of the Shareholds/Sub-shareholder, Fis. 5.20 (Fis. 6.52 per Sub-chare) in cash from the General Reserva.

When the dividend is taken in stock, holdings represented by Better Shers Warranta with coupons attached cannot be aggregated with holdings of Registered Sub-shares.

EXCHANGE CONTROL POSITION

The Bank of England have given a general permission for Authmised Depositaries to deal with this distribution, on behalf of beneficial owners who are resident in the Scheduled Territories (the United Kingdom, the Chainel Islands, the Isle of Man, the Republic of Leland and Gibralter) as follows:—

(1) On the presentation of Coupon No. 72, shares received by shareholding in respect of the dividend must be held by (or, if held abroad, to the order of) a United Kingdom Archated Depositary subject to the same conditions as the unitarities holding. If this option to receive cash in lieu of stock is exercised, the amount received must be treated at a devidend and cold to an Authorised Dealer at the current market rate in the official forcing exchange market.

Cach received after the SCIN September 1977 may be stated in the same manner as preceds emanating from a sale of the underlying holding.

(2) Purchase of Coupons No. 727

Such may be purchased for Sterling in the United Kingdom or with investment correctly outside the United Kingdom. Shares acquired by the purchase of additional Coupons—

(a) may, in respect of United Kingdom residents whose underlying holding is regarded as qualifying for transfer in combellion of a sale under the permission given in personal 37 of the Notice E.C.7, be regarded as so qualifying:

(b) should, in respect of the United Kingdom residents whose underlying holding is held subject to restrictions on disposal, be held subject to the same restrictions—ine Bank of England would be prepared to consider applications, submitted through Authorised Dopositaries, for the proceeds of sale of portions relating to shares derived from the Coupons purchased with investment currency, to be regarded as eligible for the premium.

(c) Shares acquired by residents of the Scheduled Tem-for as other than the United Kingdom should be held subject to the terms of paragraphs 57-64 of the above mentioned Notice.

(3) Sale of Coupens No. 72

(a) in respect of United Kingdom residents

(i) Where the underlying holding could be fransferred in completion of a cale under the parmission given in preserciph 37 of the Natica E.C.7. Coupors No. 7. may be sold in the United Kingdom for Sterling or abroad for Foreign Currency provided that the "35% requirement" is met in all cases other than "small burgains." and sales in order to round dimen to the nearest whole share below. (Paragraph 36b (i) of the Notice E.C.7, as amended, refers);

(ii) Where the underlying holding is held subject to recarcinons on disposel, permission under the Exchange Control Act 1947 to given for Coupons No. 72 to be sold for Foreign Currency, which should be sold to an Authorised Dealer at the current market rate in the official foreign exchange market: the Coupons may not be sold in the United Kingdom for Sterling.

(b) In respect of residents of the Scheduled Territories other than the United Kingdom.

Phymission under the Exchange Control Act 1847 is onen for Controls No. 72 to be sold in the United Kindom for Sterling or abroad for Foreign Currency, which shall be Dipositaries are satisfied that the untriving holding is: in the binelicial ownership of sich residents, provided that the "25% requirement is cost in all cases other than "small bargains" and sales in order to round down to the marest whole shart bolom. Peragraph 58 of the Notice E.C.7, as aniended, releas.

The above permissions relating to residents of the Scheduled Territories other than the United Kingdom are given without ore-judice to any requirements of the local Exchange Control Authorities.

INCOME TAX POSITION

UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

When the dividend is accepted in stock. i.e. 3,%. It is not प्रदर्श to Natherlands Dividend Tax or United Kingdom Income Tax. When election is made to take the dividend in cash, i.e. Fis. 5.20 per share (Fis. 0.52 per Sub-share) it is subject to Mr.therlando Dividend Tex and United Kinedom Income Tax, but reference should be made to the Juriher information given in this police.

SALE OF COUPONS

If has open ruled that a coupon which entitles a shareholder to participate in an optional cash/stock or stock/cash distribution is a "coupon for foreign dividends" within the meaning of Section 139 (1) Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1970, and the proceeds of the sale or transfer of a coupon, without selling or transferring the underlying security, are accordingly chargeable to moome tax under Section 159 (3) (b) Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

BEARER SHARE WARRANTS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED

Authorised Depositaries In the United Kingdom may present coupons to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank Limited, Stock Office Services, Marking Names Section, 2nd Floor, 41 Lothbury, London E.C.2, on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the following basis:—

Payable as from the 12th April 1977. Holders accepting this dividend in stock will receive new shares, free of payment, on the basis of one new share for each 30 shares held, against Coupon No. 72, presentation of which must be in multiples of 30 shares.

Holders who elect to take the dividend in cast will receive payment in Sterling at the sight buying rate of exchange (less exchange commission), on Amsterdam current at 2 p.m. on the day of lodgement.

After the 30th September 1977, the option ceases and an amount of cash based on the value of the shares as at that date will be made available by the Company. Hesidents of Switzerland can apply for a partial refund by submitting a form R-NL 1 to the Edgendssische Steuerverwaltung, Berne, from whom this form can also be obtained.

Residents of Italy can have a full refund by submitting Form 92 certified by their local tax inspectors, to the inspector of poration Tax. Wibaut Streat, 2-4 Amsterdam.

If the coupons presented are accompanied by the appropriate certified forms 92 supplied by residents of Australia Australia Australia Regularia Belgium. Canada, Danmark, Finfand, France, The Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia treduction to 20% only). The Republic of Ireland, Japan. Luxembourg, the Netherlands Antilles. Norway, Singapore. South Africa, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, or the United States of America, Netherlands Dividend Tax amounting to 15% will be withheld and coupons will be paid at Fig. 4.42 per coupon from warrants for one share and pro rata. Coupons presented on behalf of shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15%. Forms 92 VK will not be required. United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at 20% on the gross dividend.

, in those cases where exemption from Netherlands Dividend Tax is not claimed, such lax at 25% will be deducted and coupons will be paid at Fis. 3.90 per coupon from warrants for one shere and one rate. United Kingdom Income Tax will be deducted at 55% on the net dividend received in the United Kingdom, except where Infand Revenue Affidavits are presented with the Coupons. Listing forms may be obtained from the Company's Paying Agents as above.

SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK

(NOMINEES) LIMITED Claims should be lodged with National Westminster Bank sted. Stock Office Services. Marking Names Section. 2nd Floor. Lothbury. London, E.C.2 on the appropriete claim form by thorised Depositaries only. who should mark such payment of dividend on the tack of the certificates. The claims must be any marked to show whether the claimant is accepting stock to elements cage." on claim in respect of certificate denominations must be completed as stock to be presented.

The Record Date will be the 30th March 1977, and the Payment Date 12th April 1877.

Holders who accept the dividend in stock will be advised when the new Sub-share certificates are available against claims. Fractional certificates will not be issued but the certificates for Sut-shares representing fractions will be sold and the net proceeds

For holders electing to take the dividend in cash (Fis. 0.52) a fixed Sterling rate of exchange will be determined on the Becard-Date as a basis for psyment of the dividend. This will be announced shortly logetizer with the amount of the dividend in Sterling, the amount of the 15% and 25% Netherlands Dividend fax and the amount of United Kingdom Income Tax, all per Substance. The appropriate forms for ratief of Nethedends Dividend Tax are referred to above. United Kingdom residents who elect for the cash option are not required to lodge form 82 MK for the relief of Netherlands Dividend Tax.

When making perments on a ratter the 12th April 1977 National Provincial Bank (Nominess). Limited will deduct Exchange and Marking Name Commission together with United Limited Income 17: at 20% on the gross dividend except where intend Revenues Afficiavits are lodged with the claim.

After the 30th September 1877, stock only will be available for those Sub-chareholders who issue not claimed their entitlement. S1st March, 1977, 15 | 115, 2015; | 11 | 115, 35, 45, 15 | 11 | 12 | 12 | · 经产品公司等等接收的价值是多数。

LEGAL NOTICES Commercial and

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LEGAL NOTICES

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In Voluntary Liquidation and the Companies Act. 148 holico is hereby given that the College is hereby given that the Companies Act. 148 holico is hereby given that the content of the above camed Company are of the above camed the 19th day of April 197. Calina to the 19th day of April 197. Calina to the undersigned, Bernard Phillips, F.C.A. of 76, New Cavondish Street, London, WIM 8AH, the Liquidator of the said Company and If so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Dobts or Calina a such time or place as shall be said the company and the company of the c

BERNARD PHILLIPS.
Chariered Accountant.

THE COMPANIES ACT. 1938 in the Matter of CEUB. PETTY PRODUCTIONS L'Imited. Nature of Berliness. The production and direction of Circums and relection and direction of Circums and relection programmes. WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 7th Marth 1977.

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I'IN Voluntary Liquidation
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FINANCIAL NEWS

George Whitehouse

A Hobson's choice for minorities

instance, when the former chairman Mr Norman Whitehouse, has dissociated himself from the offer, yet has already accepted NMT's terms in res-pect of his own 26.3 per cent holding?

Shareholders with long memories will no doubt remem-ber that Mr Whitebouse had long previously sold and bought back a large strategic holding in the company.

In the autumn of 1973
Edward Bates launched a 27p
per share cash bid on behalf
of Columbus Trust for the 54
per cent of Whitehouse that
Columbus did not own. The
bulk of the bidder's starting
stake came from Mr Norman
Whitehouse who had sold 30 per
cent with an option for a fur-

cent with an option for a fur-ther 10 per cent. Columbus eventually got 66.5 per cent with an option for a further 5 per cent. It stated that it intended to maintain Whitehouse's listing and to expand in engineering and related activities as opportunities presented

But by the middle of last year, Columbus which was an imquoted company, had failed. In July, Whichouse informed shareholders that 25.34 per cent of its equity had been sold by the liquidator who refused to reveal the identity of the purchasers or the price paid purchasers or the price paid

Goodbye Columbus and also Oliver Rix which simultaneously announced the sale of the 46 per cent stake it had largely acquired on the sale of certain garage interests to Whitehouse. NMF emerged as one of the purchasers from the liquidator as Was Mr Whitehouse himself garage interests acquired from who bought back 742,000 shares. Rix may be the first to go. Associated with the Birming-ham investment bank, G. R.

The 71p per share offer by Midland Northern Trust for the shares it does not own in George Whitehouse (Engineering) raises serious questions for

mall shareholders.

How should they react, for instance, when the former chairnan Mr Norman Whitehouse, as dissociated himself from bid in the former share since it falls within 12 months of the full.

However, its current offer document refers to persons acting in concert with NMT who hold 157,952 shares but do not wish the offer to be extended to their stakes.

Anthony Cross and Mr E. H. King joined the Whitehouse board, the former as chairman,

back a large strategic holding in the company.

Manufacturing polished and nickel plated steel strip for domestic appliances. White house slipped badly into the red.

Since then, profits have grown gradually until in the 12 months 3 July last, the improvement was sharply reversed with a £107,000 deficit.

But, since its launch under the aegis of Mr Ronald Palfreyman's Bank Bridge Securities, it would be entirely understandable if shareholders were more concerned by the various management changes.

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Manufacturing polished and the former as chairman, early last December and Mr Whitehouse quickly realized that he was being edged out. As he said yesterday "the rest of the directors' shares were banked against me" and accordingly he sold his 26.3 per cent and its maximum buyini price contrasts with a current market price of 13p. Mr Whitehouse is far from happy with this state of affairs and the other independent directors can give no guidance prefering to leave the accordancy firm of Deloitte & Co to present te somewhat

confusing evidence.
Shareholders may consider such conflicting guidelines as net asset backing of 23p per share and the possibility that NMT's stated intenion of maintaining the listing may not prove feasible. In other words they could be locked in for good at well under real worth If there is a lesson to be learnt from this affair, it is that small companies with narrow marketability become funamentally unwieldy during

management struggles or contested bids. A large shareholder simply cannot get out at anything like the market price and if he insists on cutting his losses, he runs the risk of leaving a void which a bidder can fill at a knock down price. In the meantime, NMT intends to maintain the independent existence of Whirehouse as an industrial holding company and to allow the business to operate on the samt basis as at present". If ther sounds ell too familiar, the bidder elso intends to sell one or two subsidiaries as going concerns and, in attempt to cut what it

Ray Manghan .

Briefly

GREEN PROPS DOWN On turnover of £1.06m against £952.000, pre-tax profit down from £151,000 to £122,000 for half-year to December 31 in difficult market. Interim dividend 0.5p

again. Trading more buoyant in current half. LEVEX IN NET LOSS Pre-tax profit for period from September 1, 1975, to December 31, 1976, of £34,000 against loss of £86,000 for year to August 31, 1975. After extraordinary expenditure of £261,000, against nil, net loss of £226,000 against loss of £2260.

£62,000. Again no dividend. **DUNDONIAN ACQUISITION** Agreement to buy Nottsvale for \$20,000 cash. Nottsvale is in tin and tungsten mining in West

ABWOOD MACHINE TOOLS Chairman hopes at half-time that, as forecast, company will recoup downturn in full year to

CAMFORD ENGINEERING Trading in first few months of this year to September 30 well ahead of same period, annual

CEDAR CANCELLATION Listing of all securities of Cedar Holdings cancelled. CH GOES UP TO 19P

Offer by CH Industrials for Beaver Group having been made unconditional, it has been agreed that cash part of ordinary offer that cash part of ordinary offer be increased from 18p to 19p. This will be paid to all accepting holders. Directors of Beaver will recommend members to accept and have agreed for their own combined total of 19.2 per cent of eduity. BARROW HEPBURN BOUYANT

Profits outlook for group in 1977 is one of "further improve-ment", chairman writes in annual

WALTER DUNCAN & GOODRICKE GOODRICKE

Regarding offer for Lebong Tea, announced this week, company says that this is solely conditional on acceptances being received which, with those shares previously acquired, carry more than 50 per cent of voting rights of Lebong.

VICTOR PRODUCTS AREAD

Taxable profit for half to October 31 of Victor Products (Wallsend) up from £339,000 to £371,000 on turnover of £2.93m against £2.16m. Interim dividend raised from 5 Kr to 5.5 Kr per share. up from 1.08p to 1.19p.

BURNS-ANDERSON Frofits stationary at £201,000 against £202,000 for half to December 31 on turnover of £7.57m against £6.38m. Interim unchanged at 0.54p gross. TILLING

sees as excessive gearing, the

TILLING
Thomas Tilling reports successful completion of offer, announced in January, to buy Intermedical Inc., medical suppliers, of Houston. Texas, for \$15m. This is first major takeover step by group's interests in United States.

DAWNAY DAY IN BLACK - Pre-tax profit for half to December 31 of £160,000 against loss of £14,000. Earnings a share of 0.25p compared with loss of 0.1p. There is again no interim, but dividend for year will be considered when full results available.

LYC-BATU MATANG LYC Securities has increased offer for Batu for shares not already owned to 105p cash for each Batu. Accepting holders will be entitled to interim dividend of 0.418p for year to June 30, 1977.
Thos who have already accepted will be entitled to receive the increased terms. Batu board recom-

STANDARD BANK-WALLACE Acceptances of offer by Stan-dard for Wallace Brothers (Hold-ings) received for 94.68 per cent of capital. Offer now uncon-ditional. Early redemption at par of 71 per cent convertible unse-cured loan stock of Wallace. Interest warrants will be sent out on April 1.

Attributable profit for half to December 31 up from \$A1,52m to \$A2,58m. Increased dividend of 3 cents on enlarged equity against 5 cents. Major factors in upper were film processing and United States operations. Other oversess subsidiaries and international export divisions made big gains. VISCOSE DEVELOPMENT

HANUMEX SURGE

Pre-tax profits of Viscose Development for 1976 up from £389,000 to £643,000. COMMON MARKET TRUST Total income for half-year to December 30 up from £668,000 to £799,000. Ner lucome before Jer-sey tax, £210,000 (£323,000).

HABIT PRECISION Habit Precision Engineering's rights issue of 1.38m ordinary shares attracted acceptances for 1.3m shares (94.14 per cent). Remaining shares have been sold in the market.

Deutsche Bank declares unchanged dividend

Deutsche Bank AG has followed the example of Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank in declaring an unchanged dividend subsidiary, Cie Financiere de la Deutsche Bank, will fioat a Claring an unchanged dividend subsidiary, Cie Financiere de la Deutsche Bank, will fioat a Claring an unchanged dividend subsidiary. for 1976. Peter Norman writes from Bonn.

The bank, which is West Germany's largest, said it will again pay DM10 on each DM50 DM900m as well as pay Deutsche Bank shares.

DM100m in to open reserves. In addition the bank also this suggests that the parent plans to obtain shareholders bank's net profit last year was approval for the issue of up to DM200m nominal of share expigation. against DM 81m the year be tal through a rights issue at fore. Deutsche Bank also an period ending April 30, 1982.

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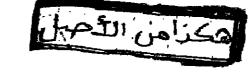
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Stock markets

Budget verdict: gilts blaze, shares glow

With much uncertainty held up well and by the close reacted 11p to 103p after the Building industry shares con- 3p to 45p. The food sector was by cleared away by the Chan- the index was still 6.8 ahead at NFU rejection of Borthwick tinued to benefit from the another with hopes of a boost cellor's package both equities 427.2.

which Bridgewater put on 20p £100m Government boost even from higher pay packets and to 218p in the hope of better though many accounts.

On the industrial pitches shares felt the benefit of a pentup institutional demand and by better and at its hippoint of

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In the gilt-edged market trade day. Initial profit estimates of 112m have been scaled down to between £10.5m and £11m, compared with £9.8m. The shares were cautious ahead of the statement.

up after lunch, and there was a degree of profit taking, prices

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ation of the Budget had done nothing to alter the market's favourable view, even though the response of the unions to the further incomes restraint was a background worry. But for the moment, most feel that the Budget has cleared the way

was, if anything, even brisker than in equities. By the end of the session long dates stood up to 3 higher with the new 12.25 per cent 1992 stock up £2.67 at £17.67 in spite of some late profit taking profit taking

Shorts were equally firm with the day. Though demand dried most better by up to a couple of points. bid stocks FMC

to 218p in the hope of better terms from Rothschild Invest-

Among the engineers, Tube Investments soared 16p to 412p after pleasing figures, while GKN, up 9p to 342p, went ahead strongly in sympathy. The clearing banks were generally not stirred by the base rate cuts though Midland at 282p and Lloyds, 217p, were several pence firmer. Schroders lost 5p to 330p among merchants after their statement. On the insurance pitch results had Legal & General a penny up at 125p, Pearl 4p to the good at 204p and Prudential at 126p, gaining 2p. In properties, statements left Peachey half a point lower

Motor group Marshall's Universal has soared 21p to 173p in two days on very strong de-mand. Figures due next week are expected to show a big advance on last year's £1.8m but the main spur has been widespread talk of a rights issue on advantageous terms.

at 32 p and Slough Estates up a penny to 91p. Berkeley Hambro was an isolated firm spot, gaining 11p for a close of 83p.

There ws a surprisingly active trade in tobacco sheares after the increase in tax, with BAT Industries up 8p to 273p and Imperial Group 21p to 711p.

small. The best spots were to be found in Taylor Woodrow, better by 10p to 306p, Costain 5p to 174p and UBM, which has the backing of the chartists and rose 31p to 531p. Housebuilders were another part of the sector to go shead, this tie on the prospect of a cut in mortgage rates. Here Barratt Developments gained 7p to 89p and Gough Cooper were 6p ahead at

In hotels De Vere benefited from speculative interest and rose 6p to 126p bur Savoy 'A' hit by profit taking and gave up

from higher pay packets and Sainsbury added 6p to 166p, Wheatsheaf 8p to 178p and Kwik Save 7p to 177p. Equity turnover on March 29 was £53.44m (15,880 bargains). was 153.44m (15,880 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph active stocks yesterday were ICI, BP, Marks & Spencer, Shell, BAT Dfd, Burmah. GMH, Courtaulds, Gus 'A', Reckitt & Colman, GEC, Hay's Wharf, EMI, Dunlop, Wm Press, De Yere, Pork Farme Barrate Vere. Pork Farms, Barratt Developments, Tube Invest-

ments, House of

Marshalls Universal and Bridge-

Latest dividends

Сопралу	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	ago	date	total	Acar
Batu Matang Int	0.41	0.38	17/5		1.78
Biddle Holdings (25p)	3.98	3.43	27/5	5.97	5.43
Bridport-Gundry (20p) Int	0.66	0.60	1/8	_	1.13
Brit Aluminium (£1) Fin	15	2.5	9/5	30	3.5
Burns-Anderson (10p) Int	0.35	0.35	18/5	_	1.3
Equity & Law (5p)	5.98	5.44	16/6	5.98	5.44
House of Fraser (25p) Fin	2.75	2.50	1/7	4.26	3.87
Thomas Jourdan (10p) Fin		0.65	 -	2.5	0.65
Legal & Gen (5p) Fin	3.25	2.95	_	5.11	4.65
Newman-Tonks (25p) Int	0.8	0.7	26/5		3.25
Patani Para (10p)	0.36	0.33	17/5	_	1.83
Peachey Props (25p) Sit	0.35	U-33	2/5	0.98	0.25
Pearl Assurance (5p) Fin	7.41	6.74	9/6	11.26	10.24
Prudential Assurance (5p)	3.75	3.41	<i>3</i> ,0	5.95	5.41
	2.69	NII	=	4.27	Nil
RKT Textiles (10p) Fin					
Schroders (£1) Fin	7.24	6.31	6/5	10.2	9.31
Slough Estates (25p) Fin	1.27	1.21	25/5	2.02	1.85
Tube Investments (E1) Fin		9.05		18.76	17.05
Victor Products (25p) Int	1.19	1.08	25/4		2.71
Zenith Carburetter (50p)	3.98		_	3. 9 8	2.62
Dividends in this table are	shown	net of	tax on	pence p	er share
Elsewhere in Business News	dividen	ds are si	pows on	a gross	basis. T
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Slough values its properties at £194m, or 113p a share

By Ronald Pullen Slough Estates 1p rise to 91p yesterday probably owes more to the revaluation of its proper-ties than the fairly pedestrian

profits for the year.

Property assets in the United Kingdom, Belgium, France, Australia and the United States were revalued at December 31, 1976 and show an increase from the £137.2m at the time of the last revaluation in 1972 to £193.8m.

The net surplus on valuation of £24.3m has been credited to capital reserves. The effect of this revaluation has been to increase the net asset value

Grampian is

Grampian Holdings, the Scot-tish printing, road haulage, and

consumer goods group, raised pre-tax profits by 8.7 per cent to £2.8m last year. But 3.5 per cent of that increase came from

However, borrowings went up

during the year after starting off at a low level and are expected to grow to around £600,000 this year. Profits, the group believes, should still rise, largely because of loss elimination.

Athough the printing and publishing division lost £300,000 last

year compared with breakeven in 1975, the picture was improv-

ing in the second half, particu-

larly in the last quarter. Al-though the division is not, apparently, back in profits yet, a substantially improved result

is expected in the current year. Prospects for the industrial services division, however, which showed the largest profits

increase from £1.47m to £1.89m before central expenses, are less

from £550,000 to £460,000.

in interest charges

looking

to 1980s

from 83p to 113p a share. Meanwhile, the developments in Brussels and Sheffield have continued to overshadow the figures. Unrelieved losses overseas mainly in Brussels, but also due to Chicago where only 40 per cent is let at present have pushed up the tax charge to 55 per cent

This has in any case been inflated by a £162,000 provision for prior years against the £449,000 over-provision in the With the first benefits of its reversionary growth peeking through, United Kingdom ren-tal income increased from

E6.77m to £8.83m in the year to December 31, 1976.

Overseas rental income increased from £2.83m to £4.03m.

Pre-tax profits go up from £5.34m to £6.08m although with the higher tax charge entrings. the higher tax charge earnings per share have fallen from 3.65p to 3p, while the dividend has been raised by the maximum to 3.12p a share gross.

Demand for industrial space is still not buoyant, particularly in the US and Canada. Slough Estates has now finished the first phase of its Abardean the first phase of its Aberdeen estate and a start has been

themes from insurance companies

Common

By John Brennan
A strong life branch performance partially offset at
home by subsidence claims on general accounts, as well as sharply higher investment income surpluses, are common themes through the insurance company results announced

yesterday.

Leading the field, Legal & General Assurance beat most external estimates with operating profits up by 14 per cent to fil. Im in 1976.

Life and pension profits improved from £6.6m to £7.7m in the year on record world-wide premiums of £380m. L & G's general account busi-ness reduced its loss from £4.7m to £3.7m on premium income of £109m.

This was an improvement which makes the scale of

which makes the scale of the recovery overseas as storm and subsidence claims of 53.7m pushed the domestic account into the red. Investment income rose by £4m to £13.6m.

Overall long term business produced a surplus of £59.1m.

£46.5m of which has been allocated to policyholders. Mr Ron Peet, L & G's chief executive takes the opportunity to add his voice to the antinationalisation lobby.

He also calls for "urgent action from employers" who have yet to decide whether or not to opt for the new State pension scheme. L & G recommends the maximum permissable dividend increase. to 7.88p gross per share, and the shares rose 1p to 125p

Pearl Assurance also beneficially and substanting the maximum permissable dividend increase.

Pearl Assurance also bene-fited from a considerable reduc-

fitted from a considerable reduc-tion in overseas underwriting losses in the general branch, an improvement again partly offset by subsidence claims at home and, in this case, poor claims experience in motor cycle business.

Nevertheless, net profits rose 21 per cent to £4.72m in 1976 and maximum dividends of 15.76m grass per share helped

and maximum dividends of 15.76p gross per share helped the shares rise 4p to 204p.

Equity and Law Life Assurance, up 4p to 134p on news of a 13 per cent rise in its 1976 distributable surplus to £1.1m joins the others with a dividend increase, in this case to 9.2p gross per share. The directors plan to adjust the dividends if the Chancellor's conditional tax rate reductions go through.

Midland Bank **Base Rate**

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from March 31st 1977, its Base Rate is 9½%, and that its Deposit Rate on amounts lodged at its branches subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal is 5% on balances of all amounts.

Personal Credit Plan Accounts will attract 5% on credit balances and be charged 18% on debit balances with effect from May 13th 1977.



Midland Bank

The Royal Bank of Scotland **INTEREST RATES**

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 31st March, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from 10½% per annum to 9½% per annum.

The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be reduced to 5% per annum.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited, Head Office, P.O. Box 31, 42 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, FH22YE.



Coutts & Co. announce that, for balances in their books on and after the 31st March, 1977, and until further notice their Base Rate for lending is $9\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum. The Deposit Rate on all monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal is 5% per annum.

Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank announces that with effect from Thursday, March 31st, 1977, its Base Rate for lending is reduced to $9\frac{1}{2}\%$. The rate of interest on 7-day notice Deposit accounts and Savings Bank accounts will be 5%, a decrease of 1½%.

Standard Chartered

announce that on and after the 31st March, 1977,

the following annual rates will apply

Base rate \dots $9\frac{1}{2}\%$ Deposit rate 5%

Standard Chartered
Bank Limited

Tilbury in toughest year yet is therefore looking to 1978 for planning delays meant fewer

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Having kept construction recession at bay for so long it conditions which will permit now looks as if Tilbury Contracting will have to retreat this year. But with luck the with-drawad should end soon.

Mr P. Edge-Partington and his colleagues point to the Government moratorium on most public sector work. So competition will be fierce and

Tilbury managed to raise turnover last year from £28.8m to £31.1m but it was not enough to keep operating profits on the move. Depreciation and interest payable rose by more than 6 per cent curbing pre-tax profits by 5 per cent to £1.94m.

The group actually did better in contract building, civil

27.6p gress. This payment absorbs only £348,693 from available profits of £803,805. Earnings a share were 46.88p against 51.70p. Nor, probably, will Nigeria contribute to this year's profits. The directors add "the group case of estate development let it down. In the directors add "the group case of estate development in profits in program in profits.

British Aluminium on crest of recovery wave

Booming demand, price increases, higher efficiency and flat-out working, after the depression of 1975, are reflected spectacularly in the finel results for 1976 of British Alaminium, whose equity is almost entirely held by Tube Investments in conjunction with Reynolds Metals of America.

Although the half-year figures had already marked a strong rebound, the year's figures are still striking. On a turnover up £50m to £174m pre-tax profits rocketed from £1.7m to £13.1m.

On a current-purchasing-

before central expenses, are less certain. The management is not sure of the likely development of its construction interests during the year.

But benefits should flow from rationalization at a new acquisition which provided profits of only £50,000 last year.

The group is booking, overall, for a modest rise in profits this rocketed from £1.7m to £13.1m.
On a current-purchasingpower basis the group recovered from a loss of £2.6m
to a pretax profit of £7.3m. As
special credits shrank from
£4.5m to £209,000, net earnings
were little changed at £5.7m.
The total dividend soars from
5.38p to 30.8p gross.
Raleigh, another "Tubes"
offshoot, had a good year, hoisting its pretax profit from £3m
to £7.7m on sales of £100.2m
(£87.5m), although the figures
are not strictly comparable.

for a modest rise in profits this year, but it has its eyes on the 1980s for major expansion. Earnings per share were 12.82p and the dividend rises to gross with a final of are not strictly comparable.

Bumper dividend from Jourdan

The return to profits at Thomas Jourdan at half time was no flash in the pan. Pretax profits of this investment holding group finished 1976 at £608,000, compared with a loss of £54,000. Turnover went up from £3.7m to £5.4m.

Shareholders get a gross

Shareholders get a gross dividend quadrupled to 4p, and the board says that although the group was a "close" company at December 31, it is one no longer. Earnings a share were 7.34p against a loss of 0.36p. The directors add that trading has expanded steadily and net margins continued to widen,

Samuel Props bright

Having turned a loss of £1.04m into a pre-tax profit of £248,000 last year, Samuel Properties has managed to push profits for the six months to December 31 up from £76,000 to £873,000. This was achieved on gross income of £4.6m against £3.7m.

There is again no interim dividend but a payment will be made in the 1977 calendar year. Kleinwort, Benson

World trade is not growing as fast as many hoped and Mr R. A. Henderson, chairman of Kleinwort, Benson, the mer-chant banking subsidiary of Kleinwort, Benson, Lonstiale also points to a subdued demand for loans from industry and commerce which have meant lower interest rates in other countries.

At home he says that the

expected benefits of North Sea oil and gas are being offset by an increasingly uneasy politi-cal and industrial picture. The balance-sheet shows that deposits rose 10 per cent to £985.8m, while loans rose from £432.3m to £532.6m.

Biddle taking up building slack

Building is a tough business these days so Biddle Holdings (a specialist in heating and airconditioning equipment and lifts) can look back on 1976 with some pride and record

results.

First half pre-tax profits had risen only modestly, but they jumped in the second six months, so the year's profits spurted 28 per cent to £940,000, producing earnings of 10.7p a share against 8.3p. Turnover expanded from £9.3m to £10.2m.

The final payout is again increased, lifting the total from 8.36p to 9.2p.

Orders this year are higher than before, and a "healthy" financial position should stand the group in good stead.

the group in good stead.

Rbt Kitchen Taylor's losses double After providing £800,000

against property stock, losses at Robert Kitchen Taylor have doubled to £550,000 for the year to September 30. Turnover for the year went down from £11m to £10.6m. The domestic appliance division has been discontinued and a full provision for this is included in extraordinary icems of £843,000 against £128,500. This bayes losses at £1.86m

against £265,000 and the loss a share at 29.31p against 11.43p. Newman-Tonks up

The second-half improve

ment at Newman-Tonks last year has carried over to give a 50 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £549,000 for the six months to January 31. Turnover rose 28 per cent to £9,3m. Direct exports continue to rise and the board of this metal hardware group expects the second half to improve upon the present results.

The interim dividend is raised from 1.08p to 1.23p

Even so the group is paying more. Up goes the final dividend from 11.03p net to 11.92p, lifting the total from 16.53p

to a maximum 17.92p net, or

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS

Preliminary Results for the year ended 31 December 1976.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS LIMITED announce profits (subject to audit) before tax for the year ended 31 December 1976 of £2,811,000 (£2,585,000). The directors propose a final dividend of 9.73% (2.4325 pence per share), giving with the interim a total of 15.73 % (3.9325 pence per share), the maximum currently permitted.

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Group Profits before Tax:	-	
INDUSTRIAL SERVICES	1.891	1,472
CONSUMER GOODS	1,446	1,352
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	(300)	1
	3,037	2,825
Add: Wallacetown sub group.		20
MATRICETOMIT 2010 St. Ordin		
Deduct:	3,037	2,845
Parent Company Expenses, including Bank and Debenture		
Interest, not otherwise allocated	329	294
	2,708	2,551
Add: Share of profits of associated companies	103	34
Share of bronts of associated combanies		
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	2,811	2,585
Taxation on profits of the year, 52% (1975 - same)	1,390	1,421
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	1,421	1,164
Deduct: Minority Interests	50	10
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Deduct:	1,371	1,154
Extraordinary Items	292	62
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	1,079	1,092
Dividends;		
Preference Paid of 49%	.69	69
Ordinary Interim Paid of 6.0% (1975-2.8%)	152	71
Ordinary Final Proposed of 9.73% (1975 - 11.5%)	247	292
	468	432
BALANCE UNDISTRIBUTED	611	660
	1,079	1,092
Earned per share	12.82p	10.69p

NOTE: The results for the year to 31 December 1976 and for the year to 31 December 1975 are in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9.

The Chairman, Mr. D. C. Grieg, comments:

"Group profits have been maintained in 1976. While noteworthy performances were recorded in some sectors, difficult conditions were experienced in printing, furniture and oil services. "As I indicated previously the imbalance between interim and final dividends has been adjusted and a final dividend of 9.73 %

(2.4325 pence per share) has been proposed. the total dividend for 1976 being 15.73% (3.9325 pence per share). Whilst it is still too early to forecast the ontcome for the current year, I believe the group has considerable potential for

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS LIMITED The Scottish-based holding company with interests in industrial services, consumer goods and printing and publishing.

Barclays Bank Base Rate.

Barclays Bank Limited and **Barclays Bank International Limited** announce that with effect from the close

of business on 31st March, 1977, their Base Rate will be decreased from 101% to 9½% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits will be decreased by 1½% from 6½% to 5% per annum.

BARCLAYS



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MARKET REPORTS

Metals recoup some recent losses on LME

Base metals and silver yesterday extended a rally which began on Tuesday's late kerb. Dealers said that the heavy liquidation in the and lead finally ran into general bargain hunting and some of the recent losses were recouped. Tin was again to the fore with gains of £217.50 for standard cash and £222.50 for three months. Lead recovered by £29.50 for cash and £27.50 for three months. Copper and zinc also picked up. Copper and zinc also picked up. Copper cash wire bars put on 513 and three months gained £10. In zinc the gains were £15.50 and

Silver rose by between 3.60p and 4p per troy ounce in the ring with the overnight turn-round in New York and the moderate rally in base metals as the main supporting factors, dealers said.

275 tons.

\$ILVER.—Bullion marke! (fixing levels.—Spot. 280.7h a troy ounce (United States centre outside (United States centre outside (United States centre outside (United States centre outside (United States centre))

\$12.80 tonois, 275.60 pt. 260.50; one year. 275.60; three months, 287-87.20; seven months, 296.5-47.50. Surject of 10,000 troy ounces each. Mormonths, 296.5-47.00; seven months, 286.80.4-80.80; three months, 286.80.80.80.80.80.10; the months of the centre outside (United States).

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585.50-84.00: three months, £3%-96.70.

artilement. £384. Sales 2.600 tons.

roducers' price \$7% a metric ton.

Il afternoon metal prices are unofficial

LATRUM was at £94.45 (\$162.50)

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32	25	Armitage & Rhodes	29	+1	3.0	10.3	
114	95	Deborah Ord	106	+4	8.2	7.8	5.3
122	104	Deborah 174% CULS	122	+5	17.5	14.3	_
62	45	Henry Sykes	53	+2	2.2	4.2	6.2
81	55	James Burrough	80	_	6.0	7.5	12.7
242	188	Robert Jenkins	242	+2	25.0	10.3	5.4
24	8	Twinlock Ord	15	+1	_	_	_
67	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	61		12.0	19.7	_
63	51	Unilock Holdings	54	_	6.1	11.3	6.8
75	65	Walter Alexander	75	+1	5.8	7.7	8.4

Lonsdale Universal invests in the future

1976	1975
20.79m	17.85m
.914m	1.02m
8.19p	8.77p
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Main points made in the review by the Chairman, Mr Norman Ramseyer

- 20% improvement in second half year
- Overall profit fall due to increased interest charges on £2m capital investment programme, from which future benefits are expected.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S LIMITED

At the 50th Annual General Meeting held yesterday, the Chairman, the Earl of Ranfurly, said:-

.1977, as is well known, is the year of the Silver Jubilee. This fact, and the probability of an exchange rate attractive to foreign visitors to London, gives us confidence that, subject to unforeseen circumstances, 1977 should be a good year for Madame Tussaud's and another record year in the company's history.

> Profits before Taxation and Extraordinary Items (£'000s)

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May. E89.50; June. E90.50 sast coast. May. E81.50; Sterling traded at \$1.7205/08 towards the close, around its high level of the day, after the Bank of England intervened persistently to prevent the rate from moving further upwards, dealers said.

They said most of the intervention took place this morning when the Bank took in around \$100m in the face of good demand for sterling, especially from the Middle East.

The Bank of England's effective exchange rate closed at 61.8 against 61.9 at noon and unchanged on last night's close. Sterchanged on last night's close. Ster-ling closed at \$1.7207 against the dollar, 13 points up on the day. Gold closed at \$1495 au ounce, 52 dollars up on Tuesday's close. Dealers noted considerable pressure on domestic interest rates as sure on domestic interest rates as a result of currency inflows.

The dollar showed little reaction to the turnaround in United States leading indicators in February, showing a 0.4 per cent rise after a 1.2 per cent fall in February, dealers said, as the recovery had been expected.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels 1-14c disc 30.9445-01.
Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 42-5; seven days, 47-52; one months, 42-42; three months, 51-52; six months, 52-54.

Gold

Discount market There was a substantial surplus

of day-to-day credit on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England intervened to sell an extremely large amount of Treasury bills direct to the houses, but even this was not enough to entirely mop up the surplus liquidity. The market had a modest take-up of Treasury bills to finance and there was the need for settlement of the very small amount of gilts sold by the Gov-

amount of gilts sold by the Government Broker on Tuesday.
Rates opened at 9½ per cent, but did not stay there long. Closing balances were picked up between 8½ per cent and 9½ per cent. Treasury bills were actively traded with "hots" down from 9 9/32-7/32 per cent to 9-8 15-16 per cent. At this level, a 9½ per cent MLR would be indicated. However, many dealers expect the Bank to give another "slowdown" signal today if the opportunity presents itself. But there is optimism about the chances of the authorities lowering MLR from 10½ per cent to 10 per cent tomorrow.

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2 months 97-94 Finance House Base Rate 13%

Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index European share prices was put provisionally at 115.46 on March 29 against an adjusted figure of 118.13 a week earlier. Wall Street

New York, March 30.—Prices turned broadly lower after opening higher in light trading on the New York Stock Exchange this moru-Declining issues moved ahead of gainers almost three-to-two. The Dow Jones industrial average was down about five points. was down about five points.

New York, March 29.—New York stock prices closed moderately higher, but the overall market gain was fairly shallow and lacked convincing volume.

The industrial average was ahead 5.90 points to 932.01. It was up more than seven points at its high for day.

Coffee gains 6 cents

New York, March 29.—COFFEE mares in "C" contract symmetries in "C" contract symmetries a 13-cent range, dipping to the cent brut at the opening then railying steadth to end as much as the permissible advance for the day. Costing Tricts were 6.00 to 5.15 cents up. May, 517.00-20.00c; inty, 522.11c. 3.1c. Sept. 14.00c. Dec. 3.1c. Sept. 14.00c. Dec. 3.1c. Sept. 14.00c. Dec. 150.01c. March, 141.00c; May, 140.00c; July, 158.50c. Spots; Ghana and Eahla, 189c.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States. 23. July 9.3-Yec; Sen; Y.39-ADE; Cot. 9.38-30c; lan, 9.38c; hid; Marrch, C.53-60c; May, 9.61-62c; July, 9.65c. Sept. 9.13cc, 19.5 COTTON.—Fairmes were; May, 7.8.90-9.00c; July, 9.50c. Sept. 9.13cc, 19.5 COTTON.—Fairmes were; May, 7.8.90-9.00c; July, 7.1.33-82c; July, 7.1.39-9.00c; Nay, 71.33-82c; July, 71.39-83c; July, 71.39-15; July, 71

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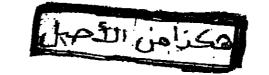
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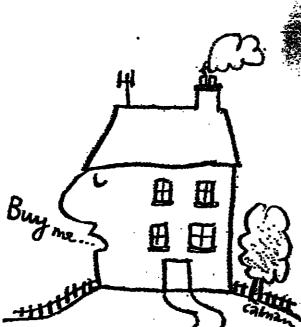
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Pros and cons of using thinner oil

According to BP a revolution is about to take place in car engine oils. It predicts that most of the 90 per cent of motorists who use the thicker 20W-50 grade will have changed to a lighter oil within the next three years. BP makes its case principally on the argument that lighter oils give better petrol consumption and it contends the saving can be about 6 to 8 per for the average lighter motorist. Other advantages of a lighter nil, it says, are less battery wear during a cold start and more effective lubrica-tion of the engine in the warm-up acried.

The point is that less power is used Among the mechanical components thinner oil are the transverse units wheel drive. Few other cars can have of the engine against a light oil than a with integral gearboxes in the Leyland as much head and leg room in the cheavy one, so less fuel is needed to work the engine and propel the car along the road. Also, because the lighter oil reaches the engine compo-

is not unconnected with the fact that it recently put a new one on the market. In contrast to the 20W-50 thick oil that predominates in Britain the BR VF7 has a rating of only 10W-30. The numbers relate to the viscosity of the oil or its thickness/thinness at a given temperature and are decen

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of viscosity, hence the term "multi-grade". The W stands for winter, for in cold weather the oil must be thinner to warm up quickly. In summer a thicker oil is needed to protect the

sumption over 38 vehicles. BP on its follo own test fleet of 16 vehicles got a 5.5 tion. per cent improvement, and the saving by an independent company on six Road test: Audi 100LS cars averaged 7.9 per cent.
At BP's invitation I took my Audi

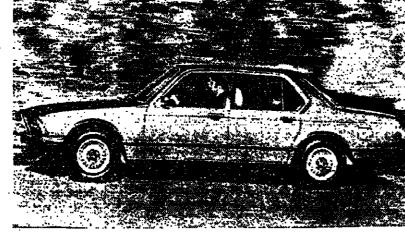
100 road test car to its research centre at Sunbury, Middlesex, to record fuel consumption using the two types of oil on a rolling road dynamometer. Unfor-tunately for my hosts, the improvement with VF7 was so small as to be statis-tically insignificant.

However, even those who are sceptical about VF7 will concede that for the reasons I have given a thioner oil is likely to save fuel. The case against a 10W-30 oil rests on other factors, and is is time to look at them.

it is time to look at them.

The first objection to VF7 is that it is more expensive. Although there are no fixed retail prices for motor oil, a 5 litre can of VF7 will cost about 13 compared with £2.50 for BP's 20W-50 Super' Visco-Static. The Super Visco-Static will be launched in May and grown sale in Britain in July or larly because one of Audi's main claims for the car is its quietness.

Another criticism is the low-geared with £2.50 as well as having a family from garages, which are less likely to to remove the need for power assistment. It is certainly light enough but model. As before, there will be a choice model.



to its tests ongines were using 35 per the fresh-air vents go almost the length cent more VF7 than a thicker oil.

But the most important reason for to use the noisy booster fan so much not using a thinner oil is that it can to get a decent flow.

Coherwise the risk of engine wear. It of the demands narriy on whether the engine of the demands of the specialled execution. depends partly on whether the engine of the demands of the so-called execuwas designed to take such an oil, and tive car, being roomy and comfortable,
many in use today were not, partly on the engine is used and partly on the engine to take such as the demands of the so-called executive car, being roomy and comfortable, and economical. Interior space is par-

whinner oil are the transverse units wheel drive, rew burst cars can with integral georboxes in the Leyland as much head and leg room in the range, such as those in the Mini and back and there is a generous (14 cu ft) Allegro. Officially, Leyland does not boot.

The driving position is good with, recommend the use of VF7 in any of

nents more quickly, there is less wear a less more quickly, there is less wear a less more quickly, there is less wear all the present Ford engines, on the other hand, have been designed to take thinner oils, provided that the car is used only in moderate climates. The

of the oil or its thickness/thinness at components, such as the big end, are a given temperature and are determined by test procedures established in America by the Society of Automotive Engineers. The lower the number the thinner the oil.

The two numbers indicate the range of viscosity, hence the term "multiparade". The W stands for winter, for in coid weather the oil must be thinner than oil say there is little demand for it. Castrol's Castrolite is oursald more than 60 times by its outsold more than 60 times by its

20W-50 multigrade, the GTX.
BP remains confident that VF7 will engine at higher temperatures. So a multigrade is an oil for all seasons.

In tests comparing VF7 with a 20W-50 multigrade the Automobile Association achieved an average 6.8

BP remains confident that VF7 will be taking a third of its lubrication sales by the end of the year and that the need to save fuel will force motorists to use thinner oils. But there per cent improvement in petrol confollow the manufacturer's recommenda-

in right hand drive, should do even better. There are no dramatic new features and the car may lack the visual flair of the new Rover 3500 (which just pipped it for the Car of the Year Sixes and Sevens

series being the price. The price is certainly light enough but model. As before, there will be a choice secondly engines tend to use more of four and a half turns from lock to lock of six-cylinder engines, of 2.8, t hree a thinner oil, which can partly offset means a lot of effort when negotiating and 3.3-litre capacities. The gains in petrol consumption. A sharp corners or awkward parking rival oil company says ther according spaces. Another grumble is that since

s age.

ticularly impressive, demonstrating Among the engines not suited to the once again the advantages of front-

again, emple leg room and a rest has thoughtfully been provided for the left foot when it is not operating the clutch. The seats are firmish, though less so than on some German cars, well shaped and give the right support to the back and thighs. I would not put the ride quite in the Peugeot class, and bumps on the road do transmit to the inside of the car, but overall there can be

few complaints. The steering apart, the Audi is a pleasure to drive. It starts easily on the outcomatic choke, has a crisp gearchange (once you get used to the slightly springy action), well-spaced ratios and responsive brakes. The car takes corners almost neutrally and with almost no roll, and roadholding is

superb.
The 1,984cc engine, developed from the 1,984cc engine, developed from the previous Audi 100 unit, gives good performance considering the size and weight of the car, with acceleration from rest to 60 mph in just under 11 seconds and a top speed of 110 mph to leave plenty in hand for relaxed motorway cruising. But there is a lack of pulling power at low speed, and a drop down to third gear is sometimes better for safe overtaking. On fuel consumption I returned a creditable

The big Audi has always been a strong seller in Britain, and the "mark two" version, launched in West Germany in the autumn and now available in right-hand drive, should do even to the strong seller in Britain, and the "mark two" version, launched in West Germany in the autumn and now available in right-hand drive, should do even to strong the strong to the strong tion counter, which I find a useful aid to smooth driving.

Presumably to forestall those sneak pictures of which the Continental motoring magazines are so fond, BMW issued the first official photo-

Broadcasting

Christopher Isherwood talks about his life and writings in Tonight (BBC1 11.10) and his new book is reviewed in The Book Programme (BBC2 8.5), Omnibus (BBC1 10.15) studies the talented South London jazz pianist Stan Tracey and The Royal Film Performance 1977 (ITV 10.30) sees the stars turn out for the premiere of Silver Streak. Versatile actor and comedian Leonard Rossiter is the maddening film buff in The Galton and Simpson Playhouse (ITV 9.0) and Taste for Adventure (BBC1 8.30) finds French journalist Catherine Lamour in an opium jungle.—T.S.

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